

As a farmer, I have to speak up against SB 832. I am appalled at the offensive content included in this bill. I understand that not everyone agrees with fur farming, and that's okay. But to destroy someone's livelihood, especially without offering them any compensation, is despicable. Many of these farms have been in their families for generations. Fur farms are actually very green and sustainable. Mink consume food waste that would otherwise go to the dump, and their manure is used as fertilizer for other agriculture. It is so disappointing to see animal rights extremists use fear tactics to push their agenda with this bill, declaring that it is an "emergency" to eliminate these fur farms. The one Oregon farm that had covid went into immediate quarantine, followed guidelines to contain the virus, and is now free of the virus. This is a success story, not a reason to shut all farms down. If this bill gets passed, I worry that it will open the door to shutting down other sectors of agriculture. Please vote no on SB 832 and consider the unfairness to these good farmers. Thank you for your time.