

Large populations of highly confined mink have been found particularly susceptible to zoonotic diseases such as Covid-19, which they may then spread to people and other animals. These practices are what led to COVID-19 in the first place, and if we continue what we're doing with confined animals in unsanitary conditions we should expect this to happen again.

Confined animal feeding operations for mink are resource intensive and have other detrimental environmental impacts – more so than textiles made to serve the same function. Fur from the mink on Oregon fur farms goes into unnecessary, luxury goods. The profit from this doesn't outweigh the environmental and ethical impacts that the taxpayers in Oregon (and the children of Oregon who have no say whatsoever) have to pay. We don't need this mess in our state. Mink farming forces animals that are genetically suited to live a free-roaming life in the wild to live instead in small metal cages and be slaughtered after living only a fraction of their normal lives. Ask any elementary school kid. This is a no-brainer.