

I am writing in support of SB 832, to take immediate action to help stem the spread of Covid 19 on mink farms, and to eventually phase out mink farms altogether. The practice of raising mink in crowded and unsanitary conditions to produce a luxury item does not represent the views of Oregonians, who overwhelmingly support the protection of native wildlife. Aside from the unethical and inhumane treatment of animals in these facilities, mink farms have repeatedly been shown to harbor and spread Covid 19. There is no legitimate reason to continue the operation of mink farms in Oregon, and many reasons to eliminated them, so I urge you to pass SB 832.

Thank you for your consideration.

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