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To: Senate Committee on Natural resources and Wildlife Recovery; others

Re: **I SUPPORT [SB 832]**...*Prohibit "Mink Farming," there are better materials for coats and scarves.*

Finally, Good Job Senator Prozanski! But, don't let the praise "go to your head."

[SB 832] excerpt states, "SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 4 of this 2021 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 596.

[SB 832] excerpt states, "SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section: (a) "COVID-19" means a disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)."

"(3) The State Department of Agriculture shall establish and implement a program of contract tracing for persons who work at mink farms. The department may adopt rules as necessary to comply with this subsection."

[SB 832] excerpt states, "SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section, "mink farm" means a facility that engages in the breeding or raising of mink for a commercial purpose. (2) A person may not operate a mink farm."

[SB 832] excerpt states, "SECTION 14. (1) As used in this section: (a) "Commodity" has the meaning given that term in ORS 576.051. (b) "Mink farm" has the meaning given that term in section 4 of this 2021 Act. (2) Under workforce programs administered by state workforce agencies, state workforce agencies shall treat a person who operates a mink farm on the effective date of this 2021 Act as a covered person for purposes of priority of service. (3) Notwithstanding any contrary requirement, the State Department of Agriculture shall waive for a person who operates a mink farm on the effective date of this 2021 Act any fee for a registration or application related to a commodity. (4) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall assist persons who operate mink farms on the effective date of this 2021 Act with accessing small business loans. The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this subsection."

Oregon is destroying the "Mink Industry" affecting many families.

There should be a thorough discussion on acceptable compensation to the "Mink Farmers."

There should be adequate property and Income taxation protections.

Respectfully submitted

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