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Hello. My name is Brent Ratkovich and I'm writing this in support of HB 3390 I represent Animal Compassion Eugene (A.C.E.) In 2019 the entire state of California banned fur sales after four of it's cities had such bans in place! In 2020 Wellesley, a town in Massachusetts passed a ban on fur sales and twelve other towns and cities in the United States have as well.

Fur farms are illegal in countries like Israel, Norway, Croatia, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Czech Republic. Several other states are introducing bills to ban fur sales and it's time for Oregon to also take a stand against animal cruelty!

Animals regularly killed for their fur include foxes, chinchillas, minks, and rabbits. They are often kept in small wired cages on fur farms with no chance to exhibit natural behaviors.

Due to the conditions in which they're kept, animals regularly develop injuries (which are generally left untreated) and psychological problems like psychosis.

Methods of killing include gassing, anal electrocution, and breaking the animals' necks. They are also skinned alive in some cases!

Please do not miss this opportunity to make the compassionate statement that Oregon believes in protecting animals from abuse and violent death. Fashion should be beautiful not brutal.

Pleas pass HB3390!
Thank you!