

Submitter: Randell Whiting
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3390

Dear House Committee'

I am writing in extreme opposition to Bill 3390. This bill, if passed, will have a negative economic impact on the entire State of Oregon, especially rural areas. This bill impacts every outdoor enthusiast in Oregon, especially trappers, hunters, and fishermen and every small business that relies on the use of fur for crafts, fly tying, lure making, etc. This bill is based on emotions and has no real science behind it, instead, it concerns itself with the "image" of Oregon. Have the sponsors of this bill ever read a history book? Do they not know that the fur trade is what brought the first expeditions to Oregon? Must we as a State, follow every bad idea that comes from our neighbor to the South? Oregon is not named the Beaver State because of a football team in Corvallis. I am a retired businessman and have been a licensed Oregon trapper for nearly 50 years. I am appalled and dismayed at the constant push to enact not just financial hardship on Oregon citizens, but end a way of life as well. I would like to be able to continue to teach my grandchildren the skills of the trade and to appreciate traditional ways. Another serious consideration, should this bill pass, would be the senseless WASTE of animals legally harvested but rendered unusable due to this bill. Do the sponsors of this bill really want game to go to waste, because that will be the end result.

I implore you to vote no on this bill.