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I oppose this bill because it's unconstitutional and will not only ruin my family history of being a fisherman and Fur trapper. This country was built by Trappers and frontiersmen. My heritage involves trapping and fishing. If this bill passes, it will put numerous companies out of business, and it will hurt my family tradition. I've been trapping for 10 years personally and fishing for 26. I'm sponsored by numerous companies that rely on me as an outdoorsman that in some way shape or form involves fur and fly tying.

This banning fur sales only hurts the environment by putting more plastic- Petroleum based faux fur in the landfill from discarded garments etc. Fake fur last as long as any other plastic item including plastic straws that were banned to save the turtles. Plastic fur takes thousands of years to disappear. Real fur is a renewable resource that regenerates relatively fast. For example. I've been trapping in a spot for 7 years and this mini ditch. My numbers have only gone up with the creek completely blocked. Here are the numbers. 3 years ago I removed 27 animals, 2 years ago I removed 35 this year I removed 45 animals. Keep in mind there is no way in or out without a trap blocking the exit and entrance. From March 15th to November 15th it's not blocked. In those months the animal's numbers have only gone up and up and repopulated the area with better and stronger numbers than years previous fur is a super renewable resource that is not the problem and banning fur and first sales will not help the environment because as I mentioned above is putting more plastic and petroleum AKA oil into the environment with fake fur. Banning sale sales of fur will hurt thousands upon thousands upon thousands of people's businesses not to mention one of the biggest attractions to the Pacific Northwest when it comes to Wildlife salmon and steelhead fly tying lure-making fishermen that rely on fur feathers and other things to catch fish without the use of bait which the bait bean salmon eggs which reduce the population of fish that are in a lot of trouble right now so in my opinion I oppose Banning the sale fur because like I said above it's going to do a lot more harm the businesses and money and income than good.