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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3390

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I very strongly support HB 3390, prohibiting the sale and the offer for sale or trade of fur products in Oregon. Inflicting pain and suffering on the fur-bearing animals for mere vanity is cruel and unnecessary. I am longing for legislators to follow ethics and humane impulses. Here are valuable points made by the Humane Society of the United States:

In the U.S., there are no federal laws requiring regular inspections of fur factory farms. Animals routinely suffer in darkness.
Oregonians cares deeply about animal welfare.

HB 3390 creates commonsense policy that helps Oregon continue to lead the nation on animal welfare and environmental protection.

Factory fur farming is inherently cruel to animals and pollutes the environment with toxic chemicals.

HB 3390's ban on new fur products will not harm retailers as few stores still sell fur in the state.

Every year, more than 100 million animals are raised and killed just to be turned into fur products like coats and hats. On fur factory farms, undomesticated animals spend their entire lives in cramped cages and deprived of their natural behaviors, only to be crudely gassed or electrocuted at the end. They suffer serious welfare problems, such as self-mutilation, infected wounds, and illness.

Please follow your conscience and vote in support of HB 3390.

Thank you,

Hillary Tiefer