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On Behalf Of:
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To the Chair and Members of the Committee, as an Oregon resident, I strongly support House Bill 3390 prohibiting the sale of new fur products in our state.

As a transplant to Oregon in 2017, I am amazed that Fur Farming is still allowed and not regulated. The idea that rabbits, chinchilla and mink are still subjected to an inhuman existence in cramped cages and horrible deaths by electrocution or gas is just not in keeping with a progressive Oregon.

I am 72 yrs old and remember in the '40-50s when women spent thousands on 'fur coats' and wore them proudly as a symbol of wealth - until the '60s when such attire was and IS considered outlandish, cruel and in bad taste. I expected Oregon would be on the cutting edge of animal rights since it is leading the nation on 'women's rights'.

I understand that eliminating Fur Farms will affect the lively-hood of some Oregonians. Perhaps establishing inspection criteria that ensures the animals are well cared for and meet a humane end that is enforced by the Oregon Humane Society. Surely, there is a better way for Oregon to address this issue and establish a progressive option for dealing with this ugly situation head on.

Respectfully, Barbara J. Wilson.