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

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.

-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. Factory fur farms, such as mink, are also known to become carriers and spreaders of diseases, even ones that can spread dangerously to humans(in Europe during the COVID crisis thousands of minks at factory farms had to be slaughtered when a disease broke out that could be transmissible to humans). Just one more reason not to risk keeping these farms active-why risk another possible COVID-type outbreak for something that is beneficial to only a few small fur groups that profit from an industry and product that is majorly dwindling in popularity for all of these reasons? Please listen to the people of Oregon whom, as a majority, support banning the sale of new fur in Oregon, and not to the small lobby groups of the factory fur farms, and pass this bill.

Respectfully,
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