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I am opposing HB 3390. Banning the sale of fur is not a good idea. Fur is in so many of the products we use. From hats including cowboy hats, to clothing, and even things like paint brushes (just to name a few). It is a green and renewable resource. It also can decompose unlike many of the synthetic products people use in place of the fur products. Fur coats are warmer than the synthetic ones. Fur trim on parkas helps to cut the wind and insulate from the cold. Fur also brings in a lot of money to the economy. In multiple different ways. Not just making products from it but also the obtaining of the fur. License sales, trapping and hunting supplies, all the fuel bought by the Outdoors men and women who are going out and catching it. I know me personally I spend an extra 2-3 thousand on gas during trapping season alone. Just think of the jobs that would be lost or the businesses that will lose income by banning the sale of fur. Do you really think that if you pass this a bunch of these businesses that they will show you any kind of support in the next election? I know I wouldn't. Please don't do this to your state. Continue to support the fur trade. Don't ban the sale of fur.

Thank you.