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House bill 3390 as written is a terrible bill that will negatively affect small businesses in Oregon and across the country, yet it will do little to nothing to prevent cruelty to animals. I am a fishing guide and I use fur and feathers to create flies that my clients use every day. If I cannot obtain deer, elk, moose, sheep, goat and other furs from businesses in Oregon my business will suffer. This bill is a needless, overly broad and vague handout to the animal rights crowd, who represent a small minority of Oregonians and Americans as a whole. Do not put their wishes above the needs of the majority and place opinion on a higher pedestal than biological management.

How can this claim bill "promote community awareness of animal welfare", but have exceptions for cowhide, deerskin and taxidermy? Are those not animals too? The bill says "deerskin" but does not define that term. Does that just mean the three major species of deer in Oregon, whitetail, mule deer and blacktail? Or, does that include other species in the deer family, like elk and moose. The bill is vague and confusing and poorly written. Randomly choosing winners and losers in the animal world is pointless, is not based on biology and hurts small businesses too.

Nothing in this bill is based on science or scientific management of wild or domestic animals. This bill will only lead to confusion and hurt American small businesses. Please vote "no" on this shortsighted piece of legislation.