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Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3390

As I professional fly fishing guide, it enrages me to see uninformed idealists at the helm of policy making that directly affects my industry, and the livelihood of my constituents. Fur trade has been an essential part of American culture since before Oregon was even a part of this country. I regularly depend on ordering fur products from fly shops in the state of Oregon to produce the necessary tackle for my fly fishing clients. Are these vendors expected to close down business and start a new career? Is the culture and practice of fly fishing, which has existed since the 2nd century, supposed to cease existing in the state of Oregon? All because the metropolitan population of the state has become completely and entirely disconnected from our heritage as outdoorsmen and women. Fur trappers are one of the most important conservation tools in existence for wildlife management. Outlawing this practice will certainly lead to untold complications within Oregon's ecosystems, allowing population numbers to go unchecked and fall out of balance. This bill, along with other proposed legislation to come from the state of Oregon in recent years, has made this state the laughing stock of the American outdoors. Seeking to pass legislation that ostracizes outdoorsmen and women, and forces them to abandon their way of life, sends the message that Oregon has no regard for public opinion outside of the metropolitan populations, and that you believe the mass production of food and synthetic fibers (to replace the sale & use of fur) is a more sustainable future than allowing your residents to continue hunting, fishing, and trapping as they have since the beginning of time. Strong opposition to HB 3390!!! Complete idiocy.