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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB3390

I oppose the HB3390 Bill. Many fur-bearing animals are harvested as a necessity to prevent flooding by beavers, livestock depredation by coyotes, aquatic vegetation damage by muskrats, and other legally harvested game animals like bears. My belief is that when these animals are taken, the responsible thing to do is to use every bit of that animal. Natural furs will break down completely if and when garments are discarded. Synthetic or faux fur will never break down.

Most modern trapping methods kill the animal when the trap is triggered. Ranch-raised fur species are humanely euthanized. The fur industry is still a huge business providing each state tax revenues. As legislators, you are responsible for protecting the rights of the people of Oregon and those that buy and sell fur products. Vote NO on HB3390.

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