

Submitter: Alex Worth
On Behalf Of: Caddis Fly Angling Shop
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3390

To all whom it may concern,

This bill is half-developed, and while I fully understand it has good intentions on improving animal welfare in Oregon, it absolutely should not be passed. It's important for everyone with a seat at the table here to consider the livelihood implications of this bill -- as a lifelong fly angler and fly tyer, making the sale of fur illegal in the state would effectively close down all fly shops in the state, and all fly tying distributors as well. The burden this places on small business owners can not be worth the tradeoff it provides for animal welfare. As a separate but analogous case study, making the import of trophy hunted animals in Africa illegal has reduced the rate of hunting slightly, but at tremendous cost to local communities who have strongly supported trophy hunting in their areas. There are some obvious differences between the two cases, but the crucial comparison is that the decisions were made without input from those whose livelihoods were affected the most by the decision. I implore you to carefully consider the human implications this bill, and to strongly oppose it. Sources can certainly be provided regarding the trophy hunting case studies used in my comparison if requested. Thank you for your time and consideration.