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I am writing this testimony in opposition to HB 3390, as it will devastate many fly shops and the fly-tying industry (retailers, wholesalers, and tyers) not just in this state but will have ripple effects nationwide. I ask that you please consider rethinking this bill or amending it to allow the sale of materials used in producing flies and lures. I understand the bill intends to promote animal welfare. Still, the proposed ban looks myopically at this problem and doesn't consider the stakeholders whose livelihoods will be severely impacted. Why disproportionately punish an industry that brings the state, especially rural communities, invaluable tourism, and revenue? If the optics of this bill are essential to enhance Oregon's "reputation," why not focus on holding bad actors accountable?

Thank you for your time.