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On Behalf Of:
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To: Representative GAMBA; Representative Nosse

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IN OPPOSITION House Bill 3390

I am Vickie Loftus, Small Business Owner - Stillwater Adventures, Fly Fishing Guide and Flyfishing Educator and pro staff for the Oregon Fishing Club. This written testimony is in opposition to the passage of Bill 3390.

House Bill 3390 would prevent the sale of flyfishing fly patterns and the materials used to construct fly fishing fly patterns. This would have a negative impact on the Oregon fly fishing industry. It would negatively impact the fly-fishing business sector, including large corporate retailers and small business owners like me. An example of materials which can be used to create fly fishing patterns can include:

- Fly Tying Furs: Rabbit, Deer, Fox, Bucktail, Squirrel strips, Calf tail.
- Fly Tying Hackle Feathers: Marabou, Ostrich Herl, Ringneck Pheasant Tails, Turkey Biot Quills, Goose Biots, Mallard Flank feathers, hen hackle patch, duck quill, peacock, mallard flank, grizzly saddle hackle, Hungarian partridge feathers, goose feathers, ringneck pheasant skin, hen cape, duck quills, American rooster saddle.
- Fly Tying Dubbing: Rabbit fur, Hare's Ear, Squirrel Hair, Goat Hair

If Oregon anglers are prevented from purchasing fly fishing materials and flies from local Oregon companies, it would force consumers to spend their money on non-Oregon companies. This would take money out of Oregon and shift retail purchases to stores out of state.

Example of companies in Oregon who sell fly-tying materials/flies:

Ashland Fly Shop, Discover Fly Fishing, Royal Treatment Fly Fishing, Bend Fly Shop, Fin N Fire LLC, Sportsman Warehouse, Cabela's, Fisherman's Marine, Stillwater Adventures,

Caddis Fly Angling Shop Fly & Field Outfitters, Stillwater Fly Shop, Caddis Fly Shop, Gorge Fly Shop, Sunriver Fly Shop, Cascade Crest Tools, Hareline, The Patient Angler,

Central Oregon Stillwater, Northwest fly-fishing outfitters, Two Rivers Fly Shop, Confluence Fly Shop, Orvis, Watershed Fly Shop, Deschutes Angler, Portland Fly Shop,

If I am not allowed to sell my flies and fly-fishing materials it would negatively affect my ability to guide, sell products and educate Oregon anglers. All the lakes I guide at are catch and release only. I educate anglers about the life cycle of aquatic food sources, what fish eat, safe handling of trout, cycle of life that make lakes an environmentally rich resource for fish.

Educating anglers about fly fishing also serves to encourage anglers to be good guardians taking care and preserving our natural resources encouraging respect for all life.

Summary: HB3390 enforcing the ban by local law enforcement sold to the fly-fishing community, specifically puts fly fishing businesses at risk. I believe HB 3390 is an overreach of the role of state government and bad for Oregon.

- It will force consumers to spend their money on obtaining flyfishing products out of state, taking money out of the Oregon business community.
- Enforcement of this law could also require the state to prosecute large national companies that are in Oregon.
- Passage of this bill will negatively affect Oregon business. Oregon will lose money since anglers will be required to find what they need from out of state retailers.
- Passage of HB 3390 would cause a public relations backlash from anglers whose only intent to enjoy recreational flyfishing.

I implore you to not pass this bill.

Vickie Loftus