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I would like to voice my opposition to HB 3390 prohibiting sale of fur products in Oregon. Fly fishing and fly tying have a long history and tradition in the state of Oregon and are a significant economic driver benefiting guides, fly shops, rural communities, and the travel/hospitality industry. The art of fly tying utilizes many natural furs and feathers that are sustainably sourced and would be impacted by this bill. Fly shops would have to purge a large portion of their inventory since many commercially produced flies contain fur. Natural fibers from protected or endangered species (such as eagle, polar bear, etc) are already restricted by law. This bill provides an exemption for taxidermy and at the very least should have an additional exemption for fishing flies and fly-tying components. I also disagree with outlawing the sale of sustainably sourced fur for other uses. For example, does this include waterfowl down used in coats and sleeping bags? I strongly encourage a "NO" vote!