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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB3390

Dear Representative Gamba, Representative Nosse and House Committee on Judiciary.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 3390 for the following reasons:

1. HB 3390 would criminalize the sale or trade of fur products in Oregon, making it a Class A misdemeanor.
2. There are exceptions for leather, cowhide, lambskin, and deerskin, as well as for taxidermy.
3. There is also an exception for fur products intended for tribal uses.
4. The language in Section (1) is both morality-based and elitist, using language such as cruel and humane with no context or basis.
5. The carve out for leather signals that this is not about animal-welfare but rather a hit piece against trapping.
6. The move to criminalize and ban fur products is elitist and marginalizes communities that rely on natural products such as fur and animal hides.
7. The criminalization of natural fur products raises the question of whether the environmental trade-offs associated with synthetic fibers is tenable.
8. Oregonians would be limited in their ability to purchase fur products, either from individuals or retail sales, including hats made from beaver.
9. The fly-fishing industry would be greatly impacted by the bill. Pelts and hides, such as elk, are commonly purchased by individuals and companies to produce flies.
10. It should not be criminal to utilize all parts of an animal, as required by the wonton waste laws. If a sportsman takes an elk and has it made into a taxidermies partial mount, the remaining hide should be able to be used for purposes such as fly-tying.

For these reasons and more, I STRONGLY urge all Oregonians to stand up and OPPOSE this bill.