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I am a trapper. What this bill is trying to do is get foot in the door to stop the well regulated trapping we have in Oregon.

I do some control trapping of Nutria which most people in this state know is a very common invasive species found on the west side of the cascades. With out some thinning of their population it can expand dramatically and quickly.

I am also a crafter. I do not waste the fur I catch Nutria included. I tan my catch and remodel them into small fur items, not garments other then hats. I sell my creations at fairs and festivals IN OREGON. This bill would put me out of business. I live a a fairly small retirement and the money I make during the summer months is sourly needed. There are many others like me that have a need for their fur sales.

Also I find this bill bad because it looks like another government over reach limiting personal choice. Those that wrote the bill think and feel one way and are trying to limit what others personal choices are. They have every right to their feeling but no right to inflict them on others that believe differently.

Fur is not bad. In fact it is GREEN compared to other fabrics used these days. Most fabrics used these days are made for OIL and oil is not a renewable resource. Fur is a renewable and sustainable resource that has been used for eons.