

I OPPOSE GOVERNMENT INTRUSION

Legally and financially irresponsible. Centers for Disease Control say, "At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the virus that causes COVID-19." The CDC did note that people could spread COVID-19 virus to mink, and that mink can spread the virus to other mink. However, "the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low". In Utah and Wisconsin where COVID-19 was spread to mink by humans and thousands died, no cases showed the opposite. Closing mink farms to contain covid has no evidence of support. Farms will take precautions without government interference because it affects their profits.

All mink farms in Oregon could close by the end of the year under this bill. If adopted into law, Oregon would lead the nation by being the first state to adopt a prohibition on mink farming. Something to be proud of - putting farms out of business and destroying jobs for low-income workers.

Mink farmers voluntarily adhere to stricter codes of animal husbandry than many other species farmed and protect their business with appropriate safeguard without government interference..