

I am writing to strongly encourage Oregon legislators to oppose House Bill No. SB 832.

I grew up on a farm which included fur farming as part of it. I've visited basically every fur farm and farmer in the US. What the anti fur industry says about the industry is misleading, false, and fabricated in most cases. For example they say we break the necks of the mink to harvest them. This is a lie. Certified farms in the US all put to sleep the animals, it is the most humane way to currently kill an animal. 99% of fur farms are certified in the US. Compared to the rest of animal husbandry in the US fur farming standards are more humane and higher than any other. Anti fur activists have been caught paying people to create false content to show to legislators such as yourself. Please go to the actual source for information and not rely upon deception to make your decision.

I believe it is important for multiple perspectives to be respected in this county and in the state of Oregon, and I believe that there should never be a law put in place that unnecessarily privileges one perspective or gives unnecessary power to criminalize behavior unworthy of criminalization. I can respect that some individuals do not agree with the use of fur products. I believe that is fine for them to express this opinion and to choose not to support fur consumption. However, other perspectives value and appreciate the use of animal fur as an alternative to modern mass produced synthetics and as a way of living more connected to historical ways of living. Additionally, I am deeply concerned that the authors of bills such as this do not take into consideration of others' practices, heritages, and belief systems. I'm additionally concerned how this bill doesn't take into consideration Indigenous ways of making and knowing. Please strike down this bill and let's remind ourselves that the government does not need to be involved in unnecessary criminalization and let matters like this be reserved for an individual's ethics and conscience.