

Please support SB832. Confining thousands of animals/mink in small wire cages for fur production not only causes terrible suffering, but for as long as this exploitation is tolerated, and these wild species are crowded together in close proximity in low-welfare conditions, the potential for reservoirs of animal to human pathogens will persist. It's not just live-wildlife markets that have come into sharp focus during this crisis. Mink are susceptible to Covid-19 and have the ability to transmit the virus back to humans, potentially in a form that will render vaccines less effective. The virus may also spillover into nature and be impossible to track and control and could infect our native wild species. SB 832 will shut down this cruel and dangerous industry.