

This bill would help mitigate some of the horrific and unnecessary loss of animal life stemming from inadequate preventative measures taken by mink farm workers and owners. Not only would this bill protect loss of animal life, it also helps ensure the safety of other human workers. There are no discernable negative impacts from this bill, and any economic arguments fail to consider the long term economic impacts of continuing to let COVID-19 run rampant among humans and susceptible animals. This bill is reasonable in time, scope and cost. It is not an enormous burden on any party, and in the long term saves lives and costs for everyone involved. Those who are personally involved in mink farming who do not support this bill are likely predicating their testimony on senseless "cost effective" arguments, which again, when viewed in the aggregate and long term are fundamentally wrong.