

I support SB 832 for the following reasons:

- a) Mink farming forces animals that are genetically suited to live a free-roaming life in the wild to live instead in small metal cages and be slaughtered after living only a fraction of their normal lives. It is an exceedingly cruel practice.
- b) Large populations of highly confined mink have been found particularly susceptible to zoonotic diseases such as Covid-19, which they may then spread to people and other animals.
- c) Confined animal feeding operations for mink are resource-intensive and have other detrimental environmental impacts – more so than textiles made to serve the same function.
- d) Fur from the mink on Oregon fur farms goes into unnecessary, luxury goods.
- e) Oregon has so many other environmentally benign economic avenues. We are better than farming mink.