

I write in support of SB832. Large populations of confined mink have been found susceptible to zoonotic diseases such as Covid-19, which they may then spread to people and other animals.

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.?

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. Fur from the mink on Oregon fur farms goes into unnecessary luxury goods.