

Please support SB832 that prohibits a person, on or after the effective date of the Act, from breeding mink, transporting mink to or from mink farm or working at mink farm unless the person has tested negative for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days. We can't risk covid, which is a zoonotic disease, continuing to mutate or worse, have a new disease passed to humans from 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.

Some fact i would like to share about why SB832 is so important to support:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Fur from the mink on Oregon fur farms goes into unnecessary, luxury goods.

Thank you for your time,
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