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On Behalf Of: Hareline Dubbin LLC
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3390

I run a fly fishing retail business in Colorado and offer a variety of natural fur products used in the art of fly tying, including rabbit, squirrel, fox, beaver and muskrat. Hareline Dubbin, located in Monroe, Oregon, has been a primary supplier for these products for longer than I have been in business. While a "Fur Ban" may sound pleasing to some constituents, it completely disregards the historic and sustainable use of natural animal products that are either raised on farms or naturally harvested by hunters. For example, rabbit are commercially raised for market for their meat and are commonly hunted across the United States. This bill would prohibit the utilization of the fur and lead to careless waste. Beavers can be legally trapped in most states and are often done so to control populations and reduce tree destruction. Again, this bill would prohibit the utilization of the fur in products such as felt hats and in the case of fly fishing, a variety of dubbings used to make fly patterns. I consider myself a strong environmentalist and support countless wildlife organizations, vote heavily along environmental issues and am an outspoken proponent of preserving natural resources. However, this bill is a shortsighted approach to appease a very small demographic of individuals. I am all for people exercising their rights to live how they choose in a manner that doesn't take away from the rights of their neighbors. I do NOT support laws that limit the rights of ALL citizens to appease SOME citizen's moral or religious beliefs. This Bill is a "wolf in sheep's clothing." Please protect the rights of the citizens of Oregon and vote NO on this bill.

Sincerely,
Alex Zipp