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I belong to the largest fly club in SW Washington with a membership of over 200. As a group we support local fly shops not only in the purchase of pre-made fishing flies but also materials to create our own flies. Many fly pattern's require some type of fur. The replacement fiber would be man made which would be bad for the environment if the fly is lost and raw materials allowed to get into our streams and lakes. We also, with our buying power support many fly fishing shops throughout the state of Oregon with large a percentage of their business coming from the sale of products House Bill 3390 would stop. I therefore recommend that fly fishing products, both in the form of pre-made flies and fly tying materials be exempt from House Bill 3390. Stopping the sale of fur products would put many shops in Oregon out of business. Stopping the sale of certain flies in Oregon would also have a negative effect on the sale of fishing licenses, guide services and all related businesses that cater to fly fisherman both local and those who travel to Oregon to fly fish.