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Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3390

I am writing in opposition to HB3390, that prohibits sale, offer for sale or trade of fur product in State of Oregon.

This legislation will have a detrimental impact on the fly fishing and tourism industries in Oregon.

On page 14 of the 2023 Oregon Fishing Regulations, fly fishing and artificial fly are defined as:

- Fly-fishing: Fishing with a fly rod and fly line combination with an artificial fly. Does not include the use of spinning, spincast, casting rods and reels and lead core lines. 2023 Oregon Fishing Regulations, pg. 14.
- Artificial fly: A fly is a hook, dressed with conventional natural or synthetic fly tying materials. Tied in conjunction with other materials, wire (lead or other) used to weight the fly and dumbbell eyes or beads (metal, glass or plastic) may be part of the fly. A fly does not include sinkers, molded weights, spinners, spoons or similar attractors. 2023 Oregon Fishing Regulations, pg. 14.

Conventional natural fly-tying materials includes hair or fur from an animal's skin. Making their use illegal will have a detrimental impact on fly fishing, fly tying, the fishing industry, and Oregon tourism.

Please, do NOT pass this bill. This bill will NOT decrease demand for cruel products, will NOT reduce public health risks, will NOT promote community awareness of animal welfare, and it will NOT foster a more humane environment or enhance the reputation of the state. There are other laws already in place in Oregon that do a much better job to accomplish these admirable goals.

VOTE NO on HB3390 that prohibits sale, offer for sale or trade of fur product in the State of Oregon.