

March 27, 2023

Re: HB 3390

Honorable Representatives,

I have a B.S. in biology from the University of Puget Sound, and M.S. in zoology from Ohio University, and a Ph.D. in science education from Oregon State University. My wife and I do some organic farming, I raise some sheep, I have trapped animals, and I am a hunter. I loved observing and studying animals ever since I was a child. I respect animals and treat them humanely.

Please work against and vote “no” on HB 3390. HB 3390 is a bad bill for several reasons.

Animals were given to us by either the process of evolution or by a creative Designer for our stewardship and use. Humans manage our environment, including plants and animals. We should not idolize or worship them.

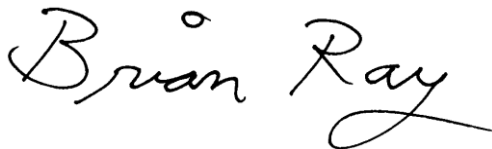
HB 3390 essentially criminalizes the sale or trade of fur products in Oregon. Trappers and hunters are humane. They, along with the science of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, do a very good job of conservation. Hunters and trappers and the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation are why the U.S. and Oregon are leaders in the world in conservation and management.

HB 3390 is replete with of value/religious statements with vague application, such as cruel and humane. This bill is all about philosophy and religion and not about science and conservation. This not only an attack on trapping but would also impact industries such as fly fishing, hat making, and many others.

Please support us Oregonians as conservationists, hunters, and trappers and our liberty to be such, as you have sworn to do. Please fight against and vote no on HB 3390.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Ray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "B" and "R".

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