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I have been a flyfisher, fly tyer & teacher for almost 40 years. I also had a fly shop for several years. I currently am a member of 3 fly fishing clubs and the national organization.

I have worked with Project Healing Waters, a recreational rehabilitation program for disabled veterans for @ 15 years. We teach them to tie flies and fish with them. All of this would be impossible if we could not sell or buy fur products which are readily available from multiple in-state sources. Much of the materials we use in this project we are from donations.

Please make sure that these activities are exempt from this legislation.

An industry and outdoor activity which draws thousands of people to Oregon every year would be decimated for no good reason. At least 4 shops in the Portland area would have to close as well as many others across the state, as a significant portion of their business involves packaged furs central to their other products uses, i.e. fly tying vises and tools, fly boxes etc. It would also eliminate one of the largest businesses in Lane County, one of the largest wholesalers in America.

Hunters coming into Oregon would also be affected. Additionally it would also eliminate a major portion of the businesses involved in processing hides from legitimately taken by hunters in this state. Plus, a significant fraction of the funds resulting from processing food animals would be lost.

There simply does not appear to be any good reason for this proposal.

Please remove it from consideration. Thank you.