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On Behalf Of: OLoughlin Trade Shows
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On behalf of O'Loughlin Trade Shows, I'm leveling our opposition to HB 3390. As you know this bill seeks to prohibit the sale of fur products in Oregon. O'Loughlin Trade Shows produces a variety of consumer events including the Sportsmen's Shows. These are large consumer shows that draw exhibitors from across the globe and attendees from around the country. This bill, whether intended or not, would deeply affect two market segments our show represents, fly fishing and trapping.

Fly fishing is important and meaningful business throughout the State of Oregon. This bill would effectively restrict the use of materials, fur, that are used in the creation of many fly patterns. Furthermore, it would ban their sale which is essential to the profitability of their businesses. At a glimpse it may seem ridiculous, but the fact is it's like having cars for sale but you're prohibited from selling the tires that go with them.

Trapping, often misunderstood and misrepresented by those who don't trap, serves a vital role across the state in predator control. And while beavers don't seem like an obvious predator, trapping is a welcome solution when it's the stream in your neighborhood or city that gets backed up. The destruction that occurs from seemingly innocuous critters is understated and largely ignored but occurs daily, in one form or another across Oregon. Trappers provide a service in mitigating their destruction whether it's habitat, property or other wildlife, in removing these predators.

To be clear, O'Loughlin Trade Shows strongly supports science-driven conservation. Our State's fish and wildlife resources are the future of fishing and hunting across the Northwest. In this case, there is no conservation issue in play. These activities are regulated and monitored by the State and capable field biologists. For these reasons we vigorously oppose this bill.