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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Judiciary
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
2:05 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 1689, RELATING TO ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA or Department). The Department appreciates the intent of this bill and offers comments.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) task the DCCA with prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or distribution of certain animal fur products in the State, with certain exceptions; and (2) allow the DCCA Director to impose penalties and administrative fines upon any person who violates the statutory chapter regulating animal fur products.

The Department appreciates the bill's intent to eliminate fur farming and the sale or distribution of fur products in Hawaii to foster a more humane environment. The Department notes, however, that the regulation of animal fur products would require oversight by a department or an agency well-versed in matters involving fur farming, fur trade industries, and animal rights. These matters are well outside the jurisdiction of the

Testimony of DCCA

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DCCA, which protects consumers through business registration and professional licensure, monitoring the financial solvency of local financial institutions and insurance companies, and investigating complaints of unfair business practices and license violations. Given the tailored mission of the DCCA to protect consumers, as well as the limitations placed on the use of the Department's funds for licensure, it would be difficult to use existing staff expertise to regulate the manufacture, sale, and distribution of animal fur products in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Time & Location: 2:05pm in House Conference Room 325

To:

Chair Chris Lee
Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

Submitted by:

Julie Ann Massa
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RE: Testimony in strong SUPPORT for HB 1689

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to respectfully urge support for HB 1689 to make it unlawful to sell, give, or manufacture a new fur product in the state. If passed, HB 1689 would make Hawaii the second state in the nation to ban the cruel and unnecessary fur trade within its borders.

Simply put, the sale of fur products in Hawaii is inconsistent with its position as a world leader on animal welfare and environmental issues.

Regarding animal welfare, it is well-accepted that animal cruelty is inherent in the fur industry. Each year, more than 100 million animals are killed for their fur. Most are raised on fur factory farms where wild animals spend their entire lives in cramped cages, deprived of the ability to engage in natural behaviors, only to be killed in horrific ways at the end. In the wild, animals are often caught in crippling leg-hold traps for days without food or water. These archaic traps are indiscriminate, often maiming and killing non-target animals, like threatened species and even pets.

The fur industry also poses serious environmental threats. On fur factory farms, waste runoff from animals pollutes the soil and waterways, and the tanning and dying

process uses toxic and carcinogenic chemicals, like chromium and formaldehyde, to prevent the skin from decaying. Fortunately, innovative technology has produced an array of alternatives with the same warmth, look, and feel as fur but without the cruelty or environmental concerns.

Moreover, consumers' growing concern for animal welfare and environmental degradation caused by the fur industry is leading fashion brands, cities, and countries to move away from animal fur once and for all. In 2018, Chanel, Coach, Burberry, Versace, Donna Karan, Diane Von Furstenberg, and *InStyle* magazine joined Gucci, Michael Kors, and Armani by announcing fur-free policies. Internationally, Norway and Belgium joined the Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Austria in banning fur production. Also, India banned fur imports in 2017.

By passing HB 1689 and eliminating the sale of new fur products in Hawaii, we have the opportunity to increase community awareness of animal welfare, mitigate the environmental harm caused by the fur industry, bolster the demand for sustainable and innovative alternatives, and, in turn, foster a more humane environment in Hawaii.

For the foregoing reasons, we kindly request the members of House Judiciary Committee to support the passage of HB 1689.

Sincerely,

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Julie Ann Massa

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:38:28 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
FÃ©lix Poza	Inditex	Support	No

Comments:

The Honorable Chris Lee

Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433

Honolulu, HI 96813

Cc: Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

Statement of Support of HB 1689

Dear Chair Lee:

As a fur-free company, we're writing to show our support for HB 1689, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of animal fur products. If passed, Hawaii will be the second state in the country to take a strong stance against cruelty for fur and environmental degradation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Félix Poza

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Community Investment

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:29:04 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

The Honorable Chris Lee

Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433

Honolulu, HI 96813

Cc: Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

Statement of Support of HB 1689

Dear Chair Lee:

I'm writing to show our support for HB 1689, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of animal fur products in Hawaii.

There is a growing concern for animal welfare and the environment and major fashion companies, like us, have responded by switching to innovative materials instead of fur. The passage of HB 1689 will help drive the demand for innovation leading to a more sustainable and cruelty-free future.

We're excited to support the passage of HB 1689. Thank you

Sincerely,

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February 4, 2020

The Honorable Chris Lee
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Cc: Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

Statement of Support of HB 1689

Dear Chair Lee:

As a fur-free brand, we're writing to show our support for HB 1689, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of animal fur products. Hawaiians care about animals and the environment, and banning fur sales would make the state a leader on both fronts.

We support the passage of HB 1689. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Chris Lee
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary
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Statement of Support of HB 1689

Dear Chair Lee:

As a fur-free company, we're writing to show our support for HB 1689, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of animal fur products. If passed, Hawaii will be the second state in the country to take a strong stance against the cruelty of fur.

We proudly support the passage of HB 1689. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:16:47 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly C. Moore, Esq.	Fur Free Society, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

On behalf of Fur Free Society, Inc., we strongly urge lawmakers to support HB1689.

Fur farming is, by its nature, inherently cruel. Approximately ninety-five percent (95%) of all fur comes from fur farms, where more than 100 million animals are brutally killed each year. This estimate does not include rabbit fur from China, where it is reported that over a billion rabbits are slaughter just for their fur. The extreme confinement of land roaming animals is contrary to every natural instinct that animals have, and the slaughter of animals for vanity sake is abhorrent. That public opinion has turned strongly against fur farming is evidenced not only by major designers that have banned the use of fur (including Armani, Gucci, Versace, Chanel, Coach, Burberry, Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors, Diane Von Furstenberg, Hugo Boss, Donna Karan & DKNY, Furla, von Holzhausen, The Kooples, Zhivago, Maison Margiela, Bottega Veneta, Nicholas K., TJ Maxx/Marshalls and Farfetch.com, Jimmy Choo, BCBMaxazria, and Jean Paul Gaultier, who called fur farming “absolutely deplorable”), but also by entire countries that have banned fur farming, including the U.K., Austria, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Belgium, Ireland and others. Germany effectively regulated fur farming out of existence by raising standards to a level not financially sustainable, and Luxembourg banned fur farming because “*animals are no longer considered as a thing, but as gifted non-human living beings....*” Fashion weeks, magazines and model agencies are also adopting fur free policies, including Nordic Fashion Week Association, London Fashion Week, InStyle Magazine, and others, reflecting a strong public sentiment against the farming of animals for their fur. The fashion industry itself has come out against the use of fur. In the *Pulse of the Fashion Industry 2017*, published by Global Fashion Agenda & The Boston Consulting Group, the report concluded that animal products are not only unjustified and cruel, but are also worse for the environment, concluding that among 14 common fashion materials, animal products were listed among the top most environmentally detrimental materials.

In that regard, our strongest argument for banning the sale and manufacture of fur is the adverse impact that fur farming has on the environment. The marketing of fur as “natural”, “sustainable”, “eco-friendly” and “green” is deceptive and misleading, meant to greenwash the real environmental impact, and Fur Free Society, Inc. has asked the Federal Trade Commission to ban these advertising claims. In fact, fur farming has the same adverse environmental impact as factory farming, polluting rivers and waters with

industrial and animal waste. According to a 2013 Water Quality Survey commissioned by Nova Scotia Environment, lakes near mink farms in Nova Scotia, Canada are seriously degraded primarily from high phosphorus inputs resulting from releases emanating from mink farming operations. The David Suzuki Foundation report, *The Impacts of the Mink Industry on Freshwater Lakes in Nova Scotia*, concluded that lakes and rivers are under “serious threat”, with several lakes “eutrophied” with some developing blue-green algae. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warns that nutrient pollution from excess nitrogen and phosphorus from animal manure is a “leading cause of degradation of U.S. water quality” causing depletion of dissolved oxygen that fish and aquatic life need in order to survive, and that algal blooms endanger human health. A Groundbreaking Independent Research Study on the Environmental Impact of Mink Fur Production (CE Delft, January 2011) concluded that in 17 of the 18 environmental impacts studied, mink scored *worst* than other textiles, and that carcinogens like chromium and formaldehyde used in the dressing and dyeing process compromise a fur’s biodegradability. A subsequent report (CE Delft, June 2013) further concluded that the environmental impact of a natural mink fur coat is at least 3 times higher than the impact of a faux fur coat. As indicated in the *Pulse of the Fashion Industry 2017*, the fashion industry itself acknowledges the detrimental impact of fur.

In addition, chemical and organic compounds used to “dress” and “dye” fur are highly detrimental to the environment and are known to be carcinogenic to humans, including formaldehyde, chromium, aluminum, ammonia, chlorine, lead, methanol, sulfuric acid, toluene, chlorobenzene and ethylene glycol. The World Health Organization (2001, 79:7809) has warned that tannery pollution (similar to fur pollution, except fur is removed) threatens the health of Bangladesh residents, finding that approximately 90% of people who live and work in the Kamrangirchar and Hazaribagh regions of India, where hazardous chemicals are discharged into the air, streets and river, suffer from diseases of occupation and environmental toxicity and die before the age of 50. An Italian investigation also found Chrome VI (Hexavalent), Chrome III (Trivalent), Formaldehyde and Nonylphenol Ethoxylate on clothing intended for children under the age of 36 months. At each stage of production, fur is detrimental to the environmental and detrimental to human health.

For the foregoing reasons, we strongly support passage of HB 1689.

We thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Kimberly Moore, Esq.

Director of Public Relations, Fur Free Society, Inc.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:12:29 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitzi Ocean	IAFC	Support	No

Comments:

February 4, 2020

House Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Legislature
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Letter of Support from Born Free USA on House Bill 1689

Dear Chair Chris Lee, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support on house bill, H.B. 1689. My name is Julie Kluck, and I am the Campaigns Associate at Born Free USA, a non-profit organization that works tirelessly to end the suffering of wild animals in captivity, rescue individual animals in need, and protect wildlife in their natural habitats – by keeping wildlife in the wild and encouraging compassionate conservation globally. Born Free is a leader in the anti-fur movement, having devoted years to investigating the fur trade industry. Among other work, we have produced reports on the fur trade focused on North America, where the reports analyze fur farm legislation and fur farm animal welfare practices.

On behalf of Born Free and its Hawaii supporters, we would like to support the introduced House Bill 1689, Animal Fur Products; Manufacture and Sale; Prohibition. We respectfully urge the House Judiciary Committee members to vote yes on H.B. 1689, which will, “make it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, display for sale, trade, or otherwise distribute for monetary or nonmonetary consideration, a fur product in the state.”¹ This bill will also make it unlawful to manufacture a fur product in the state for the purpose of sale.²

Currently, there is very little oversight on fur farming and the fur trade industries in the United States. The few federal bills prohibit the import and export of dog and cat fur products into the U.S. and in interstate commerce, prohibit deceptive labeling of fur products, and require products made with real fur be properly labeled as such.

Animal cruelty is the norm in the fur industry. The vast majority of fur is not a byproduct of the meat industry; instead, it comes from animals who are factory-farmed specifically for their fur, or trapped in the wild. More than 100 million animals are raised and killed for their fur each year. On these factory fur farms, wild animals spend their entire lives in cramped cages, deprived of the ability to engage in natural behaviors. These animals are then killed in inhumane ways such as crude gassing, anal electrocution, and neck breaking in order to preserve the quality of their pelts. In the wild, a majority of animals are caught in crippling leg-hold traps and snares for days without food, water, shelter, or the ability to defend themselves against

¹ “HB 1689 Relating to Animal Fur Products.” *Hawaii State Legislature*, https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2020/bills/HB1689_.htm. Accessed February 4, 2020.

² *Id.*

predators. These archaic traps are indiscriminate, often maiming and killing non-target animals, like threatened and endangered species and even pets.

If passed, Hawaii would be the second state (following California) in the country to ban the cruel and unnecessary fur trade within its borders. Consumers throughout the nation are showing growing concern about the cruelty, leading iconic fashion brands and retailers such as Gucci, Chanel, Versace, Macy's, and Bloomingdales to go fur-free moving away from using animal fur once and for all.

By passing H.B. 1689, Hawaii will help lead the charge against animal cruelty while reinforcing the shift to fur-free products that is already occurring in the fashion industry. Born Free USA respectfully request that Hawaii's House Judiciary Committee members pass House Bill 1689. We must work together to create a more humane and sustainable environment that will better serve both the state and its public.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

February 4, 2020

Chair Chris Lee
Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
415 S. Beretania St.
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Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 19,500 members and supporters in Hawaii to urge you to vote "yes" on HB 1689. This lifesaving legislation would ban the manufacture and sale of fur products, preventing countless animals from being violently killed.

For decades, PETA and our international affiliates have exposed horrific cruelty to animals on fur farms around the world. Investigators have documented that animals are electrocuted, bludgeoned, gassed, and skinned alive—all just to make a coat, a collar, or a pompom keychain. Much of the world's fur comes from China, where millions of dogs and cats are killed for their fur and skin, which are intentionally mislabeled and sold to unsuspecting customers here in the U.S. and elsewhere.

Fur is not sustainable—producing an animal-fur product is up to 10 times more harmful to the environment than producing a faux-fur item. The chemicals used to prevent animals' flesh from rotting are highly toxic and carcinogenic and commonly end up polluting rivers and other freshwater sources.

Passing HB 1689 would send a strong message to the rest of the world that killing animals for their fur has no place in a compassionate society. The movement against fur is gaining momentum. Just last year, Macy's and Bloomingdale's joined hundreds of other major retailers and fashion brands—including the likes of Chanel, Prada, Gucci, Versace, Burberry, Michael Kors, and many others—in banning fur and the state of California banned fur. In addition, more than a dozen countries around the world have banned fur farms.

Hawaii is forward-thinking, as you've recently proved by banning wild-animal acts in circuses. You now have another opportunity to set a compassionate example, by voting in favor of HB 1689.

Sincerely,

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February 4, 2020

Representative Chris Lee, Chair
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House Committee on Judiciary
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Re: Testimony in support of *An Act Relating to Animal Fur Products* (HB 1689)

Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairwoman Buenaventura, and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) and our supporters in Hawaii, thank you for this opportunity to submit a letter of support for *An Act Relating to Animal Fur Products* (HB 1689). We thank Representative Gregg Takayama for introducing this legislation and Senators Mike Gabbard, Russell E. Ruderman, Laura H. Thielen for introducing companion legislation. We respectfully urge the Committee to support HB 1689 and help make Hawaii the next state to go fur-free.

ALDF is the nation's preeminent legal advocacy organization for animals. The organization's mission is to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. We are working nationwide to combat the cruel fur industry across multiple legal channels.

HB 1689 would make it unlawful to sell or manufacture a new fur product in the state. If passed, Hawaii would be the second state in the country to take a strong stance against the cruel and unnecessary fur trade within its borders.

Fur requires significant animal cruelty.

Millions of animals, including foxes, wolves, minks, and rabbits, are brutally killed every year so people can wear their fur. Whether trapped in the wild or bred to die on fur farms, animals exploited by the fur industry endure tremendous suffering. Animals on fur farms are confined to tiny wire cages for their entire lives. Oftentimes, these cages are outdoors – stacked in wooden sheds that provide no protection from the heat or cold. Unable to engage in any of their natural behaviors, these animals routinely resort to self-mutilation, obsessive pacing, and infanticide. Fur farms kill animals through gassing, electrocution, neck-breaking, and poisoning. Undercover investigations on fur farms have documented egregious cruelty – including animals being skinned alive.

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Wild animals trapped for their fur also suffer. Trapping is largely regulated at the state level, and most states provide minimal protections for fur-bearing animals. In some states, it's legal to set a trap and not check it for days. Desperate and terrified, animals will sometimes chew their own legs off in an attempt to escape. Trappers shoot, strangle, and bludgeon trapped animals.

Fur puts our environment at risk.

The fur industry also poses serious environmental threats. On fur factory farms, waste runoff from animals pollutes the soil and waterways. The tanning and dying process uses toxic and carcinogenic chemicals, like chromium and formaldehyde, to prevent the skin from decaying.

Studies have found that among synthetic and natural textiles, fur is the worst-offending in 17 of the 18 environmental categories considered. The studies also found that the climate change impact of mink fur is five times higher than the second worst-offending textile (wool) and six times higher than a faux-fur alternative. This is largely due to the feed, land use, toxicity, and manure of the fur industry.

Fortunately, innovative technology has produced an array of alternatives with the same warmth, look and feel as fur – without the cruelty or environmental concerns.

Fur alternatives exist.

There is no justification to continue to breed or trap and kill animals for their fur considering the availability of faux fur and alternative products that are virtually indistinguishable from animal fur. So indistinguishable that, in 2017, we called for a Baltimore furrier to be investigated for false advertising when they used an image of a faux fur jacket from the HBO series Game of Thrones to advertise the animal furs in their store.

Fur-free policies are on the rise.

Consumers' concern for the animal cruelty and environmental threats from fur is leading fashion brands and legislators away from animal fur.

Hundreds of retailers, brands, and designers at all price points have announced fur-free policies, including: Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Gucci, Prada, Chanel, Coach, Burberry, Versace, Michael Kors, Armani, Calvin Klein, Kenneth Cole, Ralph Lauren, and JCPenney.

In 2019, California became the first state in the nation to ban the sale of fur. Abroad, multiple European countries, including Germany, Austria, Croatia, and the United Kingdom are in the process of phasing out or have already banned fur farming. São Paulo, Brazil also banned the sale of fur products in 2015.

Hawaii, time to go fur-free.

The sale of fur products in Hawaii is inconsistent with its position as a leader on animal welfare and environmental issues. By passing HB 1689, Hawaii will lead the fur-free charge while reinforcing the shift to fur-free products that is occurring in the fashion industry.

Hawaii should seize this opportunity to more closely align the state's laws with its values. Please help make Hawaii the next state to go fur-free by advancing the HB 1689 out of committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Mahalo nui.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Harris

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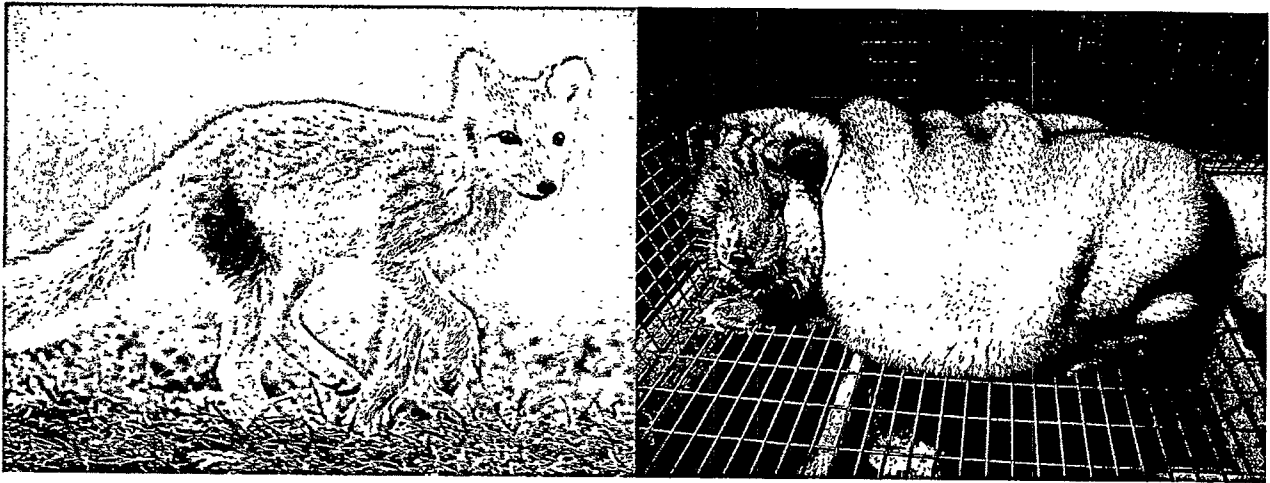


Yes on HB 1689

Fur Products Prohibition Act

Sponsor: Representative Gregg Takayama

HB 1689 would make it unlawful to sell or manufacture a new fur product in the state. If passed, Hawaii will be the second state in the country to take a strong stance against cruelty for fur.



"Monster Foxes" are overbred in fur factory farms, making them unrecognizable. *Schaef1/iStock.com; OikeuttaElaimille*

The future is fur-free. Consumers' growing concern for animal welfare is leading fashion brands, cities, states, and countries to move away from animal fur once and for all. In 2019, California became the first state to ban the sale of fur products, after four of its cities – Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berkeley and West Hollywood – passed ordinances outlawing fur sales. Internationally, Norway and Belgium joined the Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Austria in banning fur production. India banned fur imports in 2017. This past year, Macy's and Bloomingdales joined numerous top brands and retailers – including Chanel, Coach, Burberry, Versace, Donna Karan, Gucci, Michael Kors, Armani and so many others – by announcing fur-free policies.

Animal cruelty is standard in the fur industry. Every year, more than 100 million animals are raised and killed for their fur. On fur factory farms, undomesticated animals spend their entire lives in cramped cages, deprived of the ability to engage in natural behaviors, only to be crudely gassed or anally-electrocuted at the end. The stress from living in a tiny cage causes serious welfare problems, such as self-mutilation and infected wounds. Animal protection organizations have documented animals being skinned alive by the fur industry. In the wild, animals are caught in crippling leg-hold traps and languish for days without food or water. These archaic traps are indiscriminate, often maiming and killing non-target animals, including threatened species and pets.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Fur is an environmental nightmare. On fur factory farms, waste runoff from animals pollutes the soil and waterways. The tanning and dying process uses toxic chemicals, like chromium and formaldehyde, to prevent the skin from decaying. Not surprisingly, truth in advertising committees across Europe have ruled that advertising fur as environmentally friendly is “false and misleading.” In 2018, the French advertising authority said, “numerous reliable reports show that the production of fur is extremely cruel and polluting, and that the final product contains toxic substances.”

Humane alternatives exist. After going fur-free in 2016, Giorgio Armani said, “technological progress made over the years allows us to have valid alternatives at our disposal that render the use of cruel practices unnecessary as regards animals.” Michael Kors went fur-free the following year saying, “due to technological advances in fabrications, we now have the ability to create a luxe aesthetic using non-animal fur.” This sentiment has spread across the fashion industry, as major fashion brands have switched to innovative materials that have the look and feel of animal fur but without the cruelty. Also, fur bans are helping drive the demand for innovation leading to a more sustainable and cruelty-free future.



Fur factory farms are responsible for the suffering of millions of animals.
Jo-Anne McArthur/We Animals



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

HB 1689: Hawaii Fur Products Prohibition Act

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this law? What will it do?

- HB 1689 would make it unlawful to sell or manufacture a new fur product in the state, with exemptions for used fur and fur used for religious purposes. If passed, Hawaii will be the second state in the country (following California) to ban the cruel and unnecessary fur trade within its borders.

Why do we need this law?

- Over 100 million animals are killed annually for their fur. The vast majority of fur is not a byproduct of the meat industry; instead, it comes from animals who are factory-farmed specifically for their fur, or trapped in the wild.
- Animal cruelty is the norm in the fur industry. On fur factory farms, undomesticated animals are forced to live in cramped, wire-bottom cages, deprived of the ability to engage in natural behaviors. The stress from living in a tiny cage causes serious welfare problems, such as self-mutilation and infected wounds. Animal protection organizations have documented animals being skinned alive by the fur industry. These animals are then killed in inhumane ways, such as crude gassing or anal/genital electrocution.
- In the wild, archaic and indiscriminate traps often maim or kill non-target animals—even endangered species and pets. These animals often die slowly by drowning, predation, shock, injury or blood loss. If they are found alive, they are frequently clubbed or suffocated to death in order to preserve their pelt's value.
- The fur industry also poses serious environmental threats. On fur farms, waste runoff from animals pollutes the soil and waterways. The tanning and dying processes use toxic and carcinogenic chemicals, like chromium and formaldehyde, to prevent the skin from decaying.
- Consumers' growing concern about the cruelty and environmental degradation caused by the fur industry is leading fashion brands to move away from animal fur once and for all. Numerous top brands and retailers—including Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Gucci, Burberry, Chanel, Versace, Armani, St. John Knits, Net-a-Porter, Farfetch, Michael Kors and so many others—have announced fur-free policies, opting instead for alternatives that are warm and fashionable, without the cruel consequences.
- By passing this law and eliminating the sale of new fur products throughout Hawaii, we have the opportunity to increase community awareness of animal welfare, bolster the demand for sustainable and innovative alternatives, and foster a more humane environment in Hawaii.

What laws regulate the production or sale of fur?

- The welfare of animals in the fur trade is largely unregulated. In the U.S., there are no federal laws protecting animals on fur farms, and fur-bearing animals are not subject to humane slaughter laws, either federally or under Hawaii state law.
- In recent years four California cities—Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berkeley, and West Hollywood—passed ordinances banning the sale of fur within city limits. These successes led to the first ever statewide ban on the sale of fur products, which passed in California last year with bipartisan support.
- Internationally, São Paulo, Brazil has banned the sale of fur, India banned fur imports and many countries—including Norway (once the top producer of fur in the world), Belgium, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands—have banned fur farming.

What about claims by the fur industry that animal welfare conditions have improved due to the implementation of “humane” regulations?

- The fur industry has long tried to brand fur products as “humane” by creating its own self-funded certification programs. Furmark is the fur industry’s latest attempt at “greenwashing.” Contrary to claims, numerous investigations have shown that “certified” farms do not mean better animal welfare.
- In fact, several top fashion brands that sold fur reviewed certification schemes under Furmark and still chose to go fur-free since they fail to address the serious animal welfare problems inherent with trapping or confining an undomesticated animal in a small, barren cage for his or her entire life.
- Many European countries have banned fur farming based in part on the understanding that it is impossible to raise fur-bearing animals in captive conditions that ensure high standards of welfare while remaining financially viable.
- When consumers and fashion companies look into fur production—every disingenuous marketing scheme, every vague claim, every weak certification program—they quickly realize that there is no way to humanely source fur.

How will this affect Hawaii retailers?

- Under HB 1689 businesses will have until January 1, 2021 to sell off any remaining fur inventory, and to modify or diversify their business practices. Retailers can and will transition to innovative, animal-friendly alternatives that are better for the environment and animals.
- The fur industry has been plagued by animal cruelty concerns for decades, and conscious consumers increasingly want products that don’t involve abuse. As more brands and retailers go fur-free, more countries ban fur production, and more cities and states ban fur sales, there is a great opportunity for companies to transition to humane products.
- The apparel industry is rapidly moving toward more humane and sustainable products. Popular faux fur company, House of Fluff, was founded by the former creative director of the furrier J. Mendel. The company uses the same techniques it used with animal fur but now with faux fur and with a greater focus on sustainability. As well, Ecopel, a leader in faux fur, has introduced faux fur made from recycled plastics collected from the oceans, and the Faux Fur Institute has created faux fur alternatives made from plant-based and recycled materials.
- Workers in the fur industry possess transferrable skills, such as hand sewing or pattern making, which are still needed in the manufacturing of faux furs and a variety of other fabrics.



Date: February 4, 2020

Time & Location: 2:05pm in House Conference Room 325

To: Chair Chris Lee
Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

Submitted by: Melanie Lary, Director of Research and Advocacy, Four Paws USA

RE: Testimony in strong SUPPORT for HB 1689

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee,

Four Paws USA respectfully urges all committee members to vote yes on HB 1689 at the upcoming committee hearing. HB 1689 would make it unlawful to sell or manufacture a new fur product in the state.

If passed, HB 1689 would make Hawaii the second state in the nation (following California) to ban the cruel and unnecessary fur trade within its borders.

Regarding animal welfare concerns, it is well-accepted that animal cruelty is inherent in the fur industry. Over 100 million animals are killed annually for their fur. On fur factory farms, wild animals spend their entire lives in cramped cages, deprived of the ability to engage in natural behaviors. These animals are then killed in inhumane ways - such as crude gassing, anal/genital electrocution and neck breaking - to preserve the quality of their pelts.

In the wild, animals are often caught in crippling leg-hold traps for days without food or water. These animals often die slowly by drowning, predation, shock, injury or blood loss. If they are found alive, they are frequently clubbed or suffocated to death in order to preserve their pelt's value. These archaic traps are indiscriminate, often maiming and killing non-target animals, like endangered species and even pets.

The fur industry also poses serious environmental threats. On fur factory farms, waste runoff from animals pollutes the soil and waterways. The tanning and dyeing process uses toxic and carcinogenic chemicals, like chromium and formaldehyde, to prevent the skin from decaying. Fortunately, innovative technology has produced an array of alternatives with the same warmth, look and feel as fur but without the cruelty or environmental concerns.



Moreover, consumers' growing concern about the cruelty and environmental degradation caused by the fur industry is leading fashion brands to move away from animal fur once and for all. Numerous top brands and retailers—including Macy's, Bloomingdales, Gucci, Burberry, Chanel, Versace, Armani, St. John Knits, Net-a-Porter, Farfetch, Michael Kors and so many others—have announced fur-free policies, opting instead for alternatives that are warm and fashionable, without the cruel consequences.

By passing HB 1689 and eliminating the sale of new fur products throughout Hawaii, we have the opportunity to increase community awareness of animal welfare, bolster the demand for sustainable and innovative alternatives, and foster a more humane environment in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Melanie Lary
Director of Research and Advocacy
FOUR PAWS USA

FOUR PAWS USA is part of a global animal welfare organization that has, for over 30 years, consistently and successfully focused on improving the lives of animals around the world. We fight cruelty through education and advocacy, rescue and refuge. Four Paws works to change laws and social behavior through research, undercover investigations, reports, education and mobilization campaigns, coalitions, and advocacy work on national and international levels. Four Paws focuses on animals that are directly under human influence: stray dogs and cats, farm animals, companion animals, and wild animals in captivity including bears, big cats, elephants, and orangutans orphaned in the wild. With offices in 15 countries—including the U.S. office in Boston, MA, Four Paws aims to help animals in need directly and quickly.



ANIMAL HOPE IN LEGISLATION

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Time & Location: 2:05pm in House Conference Room 325

To: Chair Chris Lee
Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

Submitted by:

Marc Ching
Founder
Animal Hope in Legislation
747-998-5568

RE: Testimony in strong SUPPORT for HB 1689

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Marc Ching, I am the founder of Animal Hope in Legislation and Animal Hope and Wellness. Part of our history and what are known for is our undercover investigations into slaughterhouses and fur farms - in an attempt to document what really happens, and the abuse these animals suffer through.

Personally I have gone undercover into fur farms across the world. Documenting in Canada, the United States, Finland, and China. One of the largest fur farms I have been to was in Heibai China, where 100,000 foxes are raised and killed solely for their skin. I have been to Finland, a country that claims to have welfare standards in place, but where animals were subject to the same killing methods and inhumane living conditions.

I have seen foxes screaming as they are electrically stunned. Oftentimes the stunning does not kill them, but only leaves them temporarily immobile. I have seen these foxes strung up and skinned alive, heard their screams as their pelts are ripped from their bodies. The opposition will tell you this is old or staged footage. I can attest that it is reality.

Even at its best, there is no humane way for the fur industry to operate. These are *wild* animals confined to small cages for their entire lives, only to be killed for an unnecessary industry. This is why so many European countries are beginning to ban fur farming, why California has banned fur sales. It is why countless brands have gone fur-



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free. No level of regulation or standardization will resolve the cruelty inherent in this industry.

By passing HB 1689 and eliminating the sale of new fur products throughout Hawaii, we have the opportunity to increase community awareness of animal welfare, bolster the demand for sustainable and innovative alternatives, and foster a more humane environment in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Marc Ching
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Date: February 5, 2020; 2:05 PM

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To: Chair Chris Lee
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Submitted by: Dr. Barbara Hodges, DVM, MBA; HSVMA Director of Advocacy and Outreach; Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association; 707.678.4794

RE: Strong VETERINARY SUPPORT for HB 1689, An Act Relating to Animal Fur Products

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA), I am writing to express our strong support for HB 1689, an act relating to animal fur products. This bill would make it unlawful to sell or manufacture a new fur product in Hawaii. As experts in the field of animal health and welfare, we recognize that there are severe animal welfare deficiencies inherent in the fur trade, including the ways in which the animals are cruelly trapped, housed and killed. As a result, we support ending this archaic and inhumane industry and strongly endorse the passage of HB 1689.

Background:

More than 100 million animals worldwide, including foxes, chinchillas, minks, raccoon dogs and rabbits, are killed for their fur every year. The majority of these animals (around 85%) are raised in very small cage systems that fail to satisfy some of their most basic needs, particularly their need to display normal behaviors essential to their mental and physical well-being.

Investigations on fur farms worldwide reveal distressing evidence of persistently poor welfare conditions. Species such as fox and mink retain their basic wild needs regardless of being bred and kept in captivity. It is highly inaccurate for the fur industry to refer to an arctic fox bred on a fur farm as a 'domesticated' animal that has environmental and behavioral needs different from its wild relatives.

Wild animals on fur farms spend their lives in wire-floored cages thousands of times smaller than their natural territories. They are denied the opportunity to express natural behaviors such as hunting, digging and swimming. They are often kept in unnatural social groups; for example, mink are forced to live in extremely close proximity to each other which would be highly unnatural in the wild. The contrived and inhumane living conditions on fur farms inevitably lead

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animals to suffer severe psychological distress. Instances of overly unproductive repetitive behavior, a sign of compromised psychological well-being, have been well-documented on fur farms, as have cannibalism, untreated wounds, foot deformities and eye infections.

Other welfare deficiencies inherent in the industry include the trapping methods used to capture animals in the wild. Some species are targeted with crippling leg-hold traps which are not sanctioned by the American Veterinary Medical Association or the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. After being trapped, animals are often left for long periods of time without food or water before they are killed. Meanwhile, fur factory farms crudely gas or even anally electrocute animals.

Need for Legislation:

Consumer concern for animal welfare has already led many fashion brands to stop using animal fur once and for all. These companies recognize that contemporary faux-fur options provide luxury, warmth and style without animal cruelty. Numerous well-known brands and retailers—including Macy’s, Bloomingdales, Gucci, Burberry, Chanel, Versace, Armani, St. John Knits, Net-a-Porter, Farfetch, Michael Kors and so many others— have announced fur-free policies. Legislative bans, such as HB 1689, help hasten and solidify this positive transition while driving the development of more humane alternatives.

Hawaii has shown itself to be a leader regarding progressive animal welfare measures. The use of animal fur is inconsistent with this reputation. If passed, Hawaii will be only the second state in the country, following California, to ban the cruel and unnecessary fur trade within its borders. For all these reasons, HSVMA is in strong support of HB 1689, which will ban the sale and manufacture of fur in Hawaii and foster a more humane environment in the Aloha State.

We strongly encourage your humane leadership in supporting HB 1689.

Sincerely,

Eric Jayne, DVM
HSVMA Hawaii State Representative

STELLA MCCARTNEY

Date 2/4/2020

LATE

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Dear Chair Baker:

I am writing to you to voice my resolute support for bill #, a bill that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of fur products in Hawaii making it the second state in the country ban the cruel and unnecessary fur trade within its borders.

At Stella McCartney, we have never used fur or leather in our collections and we do not believe that animals should die for the sake of fashion. We are no longer the only company that feels this way. Over the past few years countless brands and designers have woken up to the unequivocal cruelty of the fur industry and have subsequently stopped using fur in their collections. More and more consumers believe it is unacceptable to buy or sell any animal fur. The world is moving in a more positive direction and it is time for Hawaii to take the vital next step.

Hawaii has an opportunity to present itself as a world-leader regarding progressive animal welfare measures. The current state of fur products is inconsistent with Hawaii's values and its reputation as a humane and kind state. Bill # is a response to these public values and will foster a more humane environment in Hawaii.

Fur has no place in any compassionate society and today its use is unnecessary and inexcusable. Plainly, fur is immoral, cruel and barbaric. Whether the animal lived on a fur farm or was trapped in the wild, each fur coat, trinket, and trim is the result of tremendous animal suffering and a life cruelly taken away.

Fur is not a by-product; it is an industry that capitalises on death, slaughtering more than 100 million animals per year. The majority of these animals live out their lives in battery-cage farm systems filled with barren, filthy, wire-floored cages that are too small. Such conditions cause psychological stress to the animals and lead to cannibalism, illness and deformities.

The caged raccoon dogs, rabbits, foxes, mink, chinchillas, and other animals are killed by anal electrocution, neck breaking or gassing. The excruciating live skinning of raccoon dogs has been documented, whose fur is widely sold, commonly advertised and falsely labelled – or not labelled at all. These are the fur farms we know about; the ones visited and audited. We can safely assume far crueler mistreatment of animals in the farms that go unchecked and unseen. These processes refer solely to fur farming: wild animal trapping, however, is equally brutal. Steel leg clamps, neck snares, head-crushing and body-gripping traps that come certified under international treaties cause

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unthinkable suffering and a slow, lingering death. If there are those who claim this is a compassionate and legitimate industry, we are calling on you to open your doors and grant us complete transparency into your methods and conditions so we can openly see what takes place.

In addition to the overwhelming ethical reasons for banning the sale of fur, evidence and research proves that fur is completely unsustainable. A common defense deployed by the fur industry is that fur is natural and therefore inextricable with sustainability. This claim is false and misleading. First, fur is natural only in the sense that it comes from an animal; however, in order to be sellable fur has to be tanned in a process contaminated by toxic chemicals and heavy metals. This stops the natural decomposition process. It is important to highlight that something from natural origins does not inherently make it sustainable and innocuous.

There are indeed environmental implications where faux fur is concerned, however when compared to real fur, the cruelty-free alternative has a significantly reduced impact to the planet. Taking into account the wide availability of alternative faux fur products on the market with the look and feel of real fur, the need to slaughter animals becomes redundant and archaic. We no longer need to kill in the name of fashion.

We continue to innovate sustainable and biodegradable solutions as part of our modern ethos and are focused on creating the next generation of faux furs that match this ethos to further demonstrate the redundancy of the fur trade. Our ethical stance continues to resonate with the growing number of young people who we employ across the world. These ethics feel particularly potent in Hawaii, a state recognised for an enduring kindness and affection.

We hope that a more progressive attitude will galvanise the fashion industry into supporting creative, new and alternative ideas, leading to prosperous business opportunities in Hawaii. We promise to lead the way in finding new and environmentally friendly ways of creating animal free and cruelty free fashion.

I urge you support bill #, which will ban the sale and manufacture of fur in Hawaii.

Let's create a fur free world today!

Yours faithfully,

Stella McCartney
Creative Director
Stella McCartney Ltd
3 Olaf Street London, W11

LATE

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:57:11 AM
Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	Animal Welfare Institute	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:11:41 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jane Hylton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 3:07:29 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:54:41 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Spitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Every year, more than 100 million animals are raised and killed for their fur. On fur factory farms, animals spend their entire lives in cramped cages only to be crudely gassed or electrocuted at the end. Please pass this bill and help us move Hawaii to a more humane future that aligns with our local values. Mahalo!

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:39:16 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

PLEASE PLEASE--THERE IS NO CLOTHING OR ACCESSORIES THAT WARRANT THE BRUTALSLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT DEFENSELESS ANIMALS!

NOBODY CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REAL AND FAUX FUR!

IN THE WORDS OF THE GREAT GANDHI, "A NATION IS JUDGED BY THE WAY IT TREATS ITS ANIMALS"!

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:58:19 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this important bill!

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:58:48 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ramiro Noguero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support.

I can't believe that now days one should need any fur clothing other than for cruel selfish fashion.

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:06:27 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

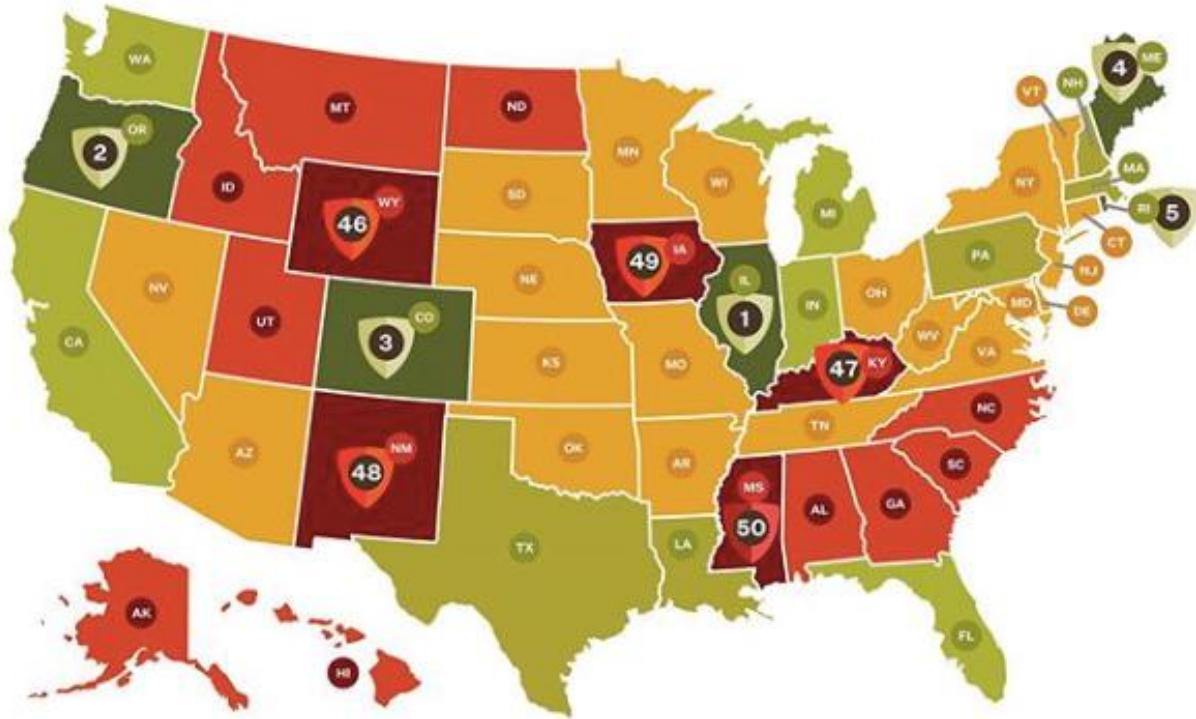
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith A Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill and stop the cruel use of animal fur in our society. We must be humane in our dealings with other living things. Thank you. Judy Mick, Kailua

I am in support of this bill. The fur industry causes an unnecessary amount of pain and cruelty to animals. This is a great start for Hawai'i to bring its red status closer to green in animal welfare (see attached image)

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:29:51 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Selene Mersereau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to do all we can to promote kindness and compassion, to include animals as important beings

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:34:22 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need no fur products in HI. We need to protect the natural environmetat world wiide.
Please pass this bill, Mahalo

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 5:51:55 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Jayne	HSVMA	Support	No

Comments:

I am a Hawaii licensed veterinarian and I strongly support this bill. Banning fur products sets a moral standard for the issue of the humane treatment of animals. Trapping fur animals is not a humane activity. It is a brutal activity of which I have first hand knowledge. I lived in Alaska from 1998 until 2015. I know many fur trappers and myself have run a trap line. I know for a fact that the majority of the people who have trapped fur animals do not feel good about it and are even emotionally traumatised. As I stated, it is brutal. Animals hang from leg hold traps for hours and even days until they slowly freeze or starve to death. It has no purpose in the modern world. By passing this bill Hawaii can raise it's moral voice and say "let's end this".

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:19:05 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosemary Karlsson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

No one needs fur products. It is cruel & disgusting to kill animals so humans can adorn themselves.

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:22:55 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Menacho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge our legislators to support HB 1689 because the fur industry is cruel to animals and not good for the environment. Animal cruelty is normal in the fur industry and poses serious environmental threats such as the processing and preserving of the pelts, as one example. This bill would eliminate Hawaii's contribution to these issues by making it illegal to sell or manufacture a new fur product in our state.

Mahalo for your time.

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:37:59 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:48:34 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie McLaughlin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Animal fur should not be made nor sold in the state of Hawaii. It is a cruel business and the animals suffer.

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:14:57 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerry Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1689 because animals should **not** be cruelly raised and slaughtered just for clothing fashion. In these modern times, no one needs fur to keep warm; there are ample cruelty-free alternatives that are superior. And fashion should never justify the inhumane raising and slaughter of innocent animals that causes them immeasurable and needless suffering.

This bill is a huge step forward in ending the pain and torture animals raised for fur too frequently must endure. I wholeheartedly support HB1689 and urge the legislature to pass it and lead our State towards the moral high ground envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

I would recommend, however, that the exception to the ban for religious practice be eliminated as it could easily be abused by those making bogus claims of religious necessity. More importantly, no religious belief, however sincere, should be able to justify animal abuse and cruelty.

Thank you for your careful consideration. Please do the right thing and pass HB1689. Animals are depending upon you!

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:29:25 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alice Saul	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am asking you to please vote for this bill to end the cruel and inhumane practices that bring harm to all living beings, from the animals raised and killed for their fur to the environmental impact from waste runoff and carcinogens generated by the industrial processes after their death.

Aloha,

Alice Saul
Honolulu

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:32:15 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Daoang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Animal fur is old and there are more friendlier and fashionable alternatives. Animal furs belongs to animal and humas should be ashamed to be killing and torturing animal just so they can wear their fur.!it is a responsibility of law makers to make sure to protect and preserve nature. I highly support banning the sale of fur in Hawaii.

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:41:32 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Dane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1689, which would make it illegal to sell or manufacture a new fur product in Hawaii - and urge the JUD Committee to pass it. The fur industry is steeped in cruelty, with over 100 million animals killed annually for their fur. Most fur comes from animals like foxes, mink and raccoon dogs, who are raised in cramped wire cages for their entire lives, solely for their fur. Then they're killed in cruel, gruesome ways—such as crude gassing, anal or genital electrocution and neck breaking.

In the wild, archaic and indiscriminate traps often maim or kill non-target animals—even endangered species and pets.

This industry also creates serious environmental hazards. Fur factory farms pollute soil and waterways with their waste, and furriers process pelts in toxic/carcinogenic chemicals to prevent them from rotting.

Please pass HB 1689 to end Hawaii's contribution to these animal abuses and environmental harms – mahalo.

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:07:03 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith Aikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We urge Hawaii legislators to support HB1689 banning the sale of cruel and unnecessary fur products. The fur industry is cruel to animals, killing animals for their fur. Archaic and indiscriminate traps are often used which also maim or kill non-target animals.. The fur industry also poses a serious threat to the environment because of inappropriate disposal of waste products and use of toxic chemicals in the process of pelts.

Please ban the use of unnecessary fur products!

Judith Aikawa, MD
Ronald Aikawa MD

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:11:16 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB1689. The fur industry is one of the most inhumane on the planet.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihe

HB-1689

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:57:50 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Garnier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear lawmakers and kind women and men of Hawai'i state Legislation,

- **I encourage legislators to support HB 1689** because the fur industry is cruel to animals and is an environmental nightmare.
- Over 100 million animals are killed annually for their fur. Most comes from animals like foxes, mink and raccoon dogs, who are factory-farmed solely for their fur.
- Animal cruelty is the norm in the fur industry. On fur factory farms, undomesticated animals are locked in cramped, wire cages for their entire lives, deprived of the ability to engage in natural behaviors. They're killed in horrific ways—such as crude gassing, anal or genital electrocution and neck breaking.
- In the wild, archaic and indiscriminate traps often maim or kill non-target animals—even endangered species and pets.
- The fur industry also poses serious environmental threats. Waste from fur factory farms pollutes the soil and waterways.

I do hope that each and everyone of you will think with your heart on this tender matter or cruelty to the 10th degree. If not for yourself, for the animals on this planet that are already dealing with harsh conditions and cruelty, being stolen from their original homes in the wild or raised in a cage their whole life just for the skin off their back. Hawai'i is not that fur culture, this should be an easy decision.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Lorraine Garnier