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To All,

I find your proposed ban on fur (HB-7454) a flagrant example of arbitrary government infringement on fundamental human rights. No one is forced to wear fur, and activists are free to protest the product, but this does not give them the right to impose their personal beliefs on others. You as a governing body do not have the right to force your personal beliefs on the general public as well. It is illogical and discriminatory to consider only banning fur sales when 95% of Americans eat meat and wear leather. Don't be fooled by the animal rights agenda. They have been protesting leather, meat, silk and goose/duck down for several years. What will be next on their/your agenda? Perhaps you should consider just banning all animal products. The endgame for animal rights believers. Most Americans do not accept this extreme view; most of us believe that humans do have a right to use animals for food, clothing and other purposes so long as these animals are treated responsibly. Finally and certainly not least, fur apparel is a long lasting natural material that is recyclable and completely biodegradable. This bill insinuates that banning fur would alleviate environmental burdens. The facts would say otherwise, in particular faux fur is an oil based product that pollutes when it's produced and is non-biodegradable. Lastly, this bill reeks of the PETA PLAYBOOK.

Sincerely,

Carl Herrmann