

Hello Madam Chair,

I do have some concerns with Section 8, Sub (e) of H.230.

(e) A person shall not take, collect, possess, sell, import, or export any wild bird or animal, or parts thereof, dead or alive, for commercial purposes unless authorized by statute, the rules of the Board, rules of the Commissioner, or a permit from the Commissioner.

While I believe the spirit of this is good, I'm afraid there are pitfalls that have not been addressed. For instance, by my read, this would prohibit the sale of artwork, taxidermy, jewelry, etc. made from wildlife. There are also small markets, such as fly tying, and lure, making that use things like squirrels tail and feathers. It also seems like this is covered elsewhere in statute, and potentially counter to the spirit of wanton waste statutes urging utilization of harvested wildlife.

If that section were stricken, understanding that we are open to deeper discussion of it down the road, we could support the rest.