



California Legislation: Talking Points

AB 1254 (Bobcat Trophy Hunting Ban):

- Californians do not support trophy hunting of the state's native carnivores. We have already banned the hunting of mountain lions, abolished the use of hounds to hunt bobcats, and prohibited bobcat trapping in the state.
- Bobcats are not killed for human sustenance, but rather are solely hunted for sport and trophies.
- Bobcats are a keystone species that play an important role in the maintenance of healthy ecosystems.

AB 44 (banning the trade of fur):

- By making it unlawful to sell, give or manufacture new fur products, AB 44 would remove the financial incentives to trap animals for their fur.
- Los Angeles, West Hollywood, San Francisco, and Berkeley have already made the decision to ban fur sales.
- On fur farms, animals live in tiny cages, causing tremendous stress that may lead to self-mutilation and infections. The animals are then anally electrocuted, strangled or gassed, and may even be skinned alive.
- AB 44 provides reasonable exemptions for used fur items and fur items used for religious purposes.