



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 1788 (Rodenticide Ban):

- This bill targets only the most dangerous rodenticides. It would abolish the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) in California, with exceptions for agricultural activities and by special permit. It would also ban first generation anticoagulant rodenticides (FGARs) on state-owned lands.
- Rodenticides have widespread and detrimental impacts on the very species that help regulate rodent populations – including bobcats, coyotes, foxes, hawks, eagles, and owls. Rodenticides are counterproductive to long-term pest management solutions for rodent control because they destroy the health of California's ecosystems.
- Rodenticides can cause a slow, agonizing death for the animals who ingest them.
- Rodenticides pose a dangerous risk to children and pets who may accidentally ingest them.
- There are more humane, safer alternatives to deadly rat poison.
- See [AB 1788 Communications Guide](#) for additional talking points, suggested social media posts, and sharegraphics.

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.