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LD 890

I am writing in opposition to LD 890. Below is a snippet from the U.S. FDA website relative to Ivermectin:

<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/ivermectin-and-covid-19>

"Here's What You Need to Know

The FDA has not authorized or approved ivermectin for use in preventing or treating COVID-19 in humans or animals.

The FDA has determined that currently available clinical trial data do not demonstrate that ivermectin is effective against COVID 19 in humans.

Animal ivermectin products are different formulations than those approved for humans. Due to the lack of testing of these formulations in humans, the safety of these products in humans is not known. Never use medications intended for animals on yourself or other people.

Taking large doses of ivermectin can be dangerous.

From the FDA's perspective, with few exceptions, health care professionals may choose to prescribe or use an approved human drug for an unapproved use when they judge that the unapproved use is medically appropriate for an individual patient. If your health care provider writes you an ivermectin prescription, fill it through a legitimate source such as a pharmacy.

How is Ivermectin Used?

Ivermectin tablets are approved by the FDA to treat people with intestinal strongyloidiasis and onchocerciasis, two conditions caused by parasitic worms. In addition, some topical forms of ivermectin are approved to treat external parasites like head lice and for skin conditions such as rosacea.

Some forms of animal ivermectin are approved to prevent heartworm disease and treat certain internal and external parasites in animals. It's important to note that these products are different from the ones for people, and safe only when used in animals as labeled or as prescribed.

The FDA has not authorized or approved ivermectin for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19 in people or animals. The FDA has not determined that ivermectin is safe or effective for these indications (uses)."

Given the above information from the FDA, I encourage the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services committee and the Legislature to vote Ought Not to Pass on this bill.