

The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

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A RESOLUTION concerning the nontherapeutic use of antibiotic medicine in livestock production; supporting a statewide and national ban on nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production and urging the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate to pass the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act and Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act, respectively.

Related Legislation File: \_\_\_\_\_

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Committee Action:

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Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
<u>4/7/14</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>9-0</u>

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**CITY OF SEATTLE****RESOLUTION 31514**

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4 production; supporting a statewide and national ban on nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics  
5 in livestock production and urging the United States House of Representatives and United  
6 States Senate to pass the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act and  
7 Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act, respectively.

8 WHEREAS, eighty percent of the antibiotics sold in the United States are used in livestock  
9 production, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that most of  
10 those antibiotics are used irresponsibly; and

11 WHEREAS, low doses of antibiotics are routinely fed to livestock for growth promotion and  
12 disease prevention to compensate for crowded, unsanitary conditions, in a practice known  
13 as “nontherapeutic use”; and

14 WHEREAS, “nontherapeutic use” creates ideal conditions for the development of antibiotic  
15 resistant bacteria; and

16 WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria on livestock operations are known to spread to retail  
17 meat, farmers and farmworkers, and rural environments; and

18 WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance in pathogens due to nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in  
19 livestock production has been a public health concern since the 1960s; and

20 WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria have been the cause of several foodborne illness  
21 outbreaks, including a 2011 outbreak of antibiotic resistant Salmonella in ground turkey  
22 that sickened 136 people, hospitalized 37, and killed one and lead to the third largest  
23 meat recall in the USDA’s records and a 2013 outbreak of antibiotic resistant Salmonella  
24 in chicken that sickened 416 people and hospitalized 162;

25 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least two million  
26 Americans suffer from antibiotic resistant bacterial infections each year and twenty-three  
27 thousand Americans die from those infections; and

WHEREAS, the medical and social costs of antibiotic-resistance infections in just one hospital  
for one year have been estimated to be between \$13 million and \$18 million; and



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1 WHEREAS, the federal government has limited nontherapeutic uses of two classes of  
2 antibiotics, but otherwise largely relied on voluntary guidance to attempt to reduce  
3 overuse of antibiotics in livestock production, despite regular acknowledgements that  
4 nontherapeutic use and the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria poses a significant  
5 public health threat; NOW, THEREFORE,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

7 Section 1. The Seattle City Council supports a statewide and national ban on  
8 nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production; and

9 Section 2. The Seattle City Council strongly urges the passage of House Bill 1150, the  
10 Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA) in the United States House of  
11 Representatives, and of Senate Bill 1256, the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA) in  
12 the United States Senate.

13 Adopted by the City Council the 7th day of April, 2014, and signed  
14 by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 7th day  
15 of April, 2014.

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18 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

19 Filed by me this 7th day of April, 2014.

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22 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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**Summary of the Legislation:** The Resolution states City Council's position supporting a statewide and national ban on nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production and urging the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate to pass the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act and Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act, respectively.

**Background:**

(Include a brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable.)

Antibiotics are critical tools in human medicine. Medical authorities are warning that these life-saving drugs are losing their effectiveness, and there are few replacement drugs in the pipeline. Bacteria evolve in response to the use of antibiotics both in humans and in animals. Those bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics prosper as antibiotics kill the non-resistant bacteria. Once they emerge, antibiotic-resistant (AR) bacteria can transfer AR traits to other bacteria in animals and the environment. The development of antibiotic resistance is hastened by the use of low doses of antibiotics at industrial farms. The drugs are used routinely not to treat sick animals, but for growth promotion and disease prevention, a practice known as non-therapeutic use. This resolution calls on Congress to end the practice of non-therapeutic antibiotic use in livestock production as a means for preventing the spread of AR bacteria.

Please check one of the following:

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

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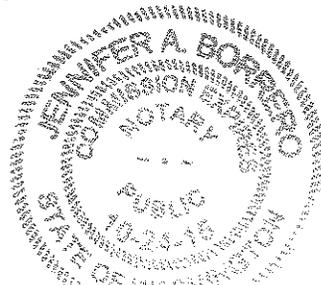
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State of Washington, King County

**City of Seattle**

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