

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title: 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.

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:

X This legislation does not have any financial implications.

(Please skip to “Other Implications” section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)