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Oppose SB 2388

Dear Committee and Chairperson:

I am a registered nurse of over 40 years and consider protecting the public my duty. Thank you for considering the potential negative effects of this proposed legislation. Ivermectin is approved by the FDA to treat tropical infections caused by parasitic worms. The sale of Ivermectin over the counter deprives the consumer of proper health screening. Ivermectin, according to Pub Med in animal studies, demonstrated "detrimental effects in cardiac ischemia through exacerbation of cardiac arrhythmia, myocardial dysfunction, and increased cardiac hypertrophy. Therefore, the use of Ivermectin in ischemic heart patients should be done with great caution."

Use of Ivermectin in patients taking Coumadin and other drugs can increase the anticoagulant effect, leading to bleeding. Ivermectin may cause other drugs that cause central nervous system depression to be more potent increasing the risk of overdose.

Overdoses of Ivermectin have occurred which can lead to nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, low blood pressure, allergic reactions, dizziness, problems with balance, seizures, and even death.

Please do no harm and oppose SB 2388

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