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Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2013

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 27, 2013
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 27, 2013
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 27, 2013
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 27, 2013
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 8, 2013
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 19, 2013
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 13, 2014
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 1, 2014
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 15, 2014
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 20, 2014
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 4, 2014
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 23, 2014
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 10, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 27, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1150	Related bill	<b>Mar 15, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2013 - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require an applicant for approval of a new animal drug that is a medically important antimicrobial to demonstrate that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health due to the development of antimicrobial resistance attributable to the nontherapeutic use of the drug. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to refuse approval if the applicant fails to make such a demonstration.

Defines “medically important antimicrobial” as a drug intended for use in food-producing animals and composed wholly or partly of: (1) any kind of specified antibiotics, including penicillin and tetracycline; or (2) a drug from an antimicrobial class that is listed on the World Health Organization’s list of critically important antimicrobials.

Requires the Secretary to withdraw approval for the nontherapeutic use in food-producing animals of a medically important antimicrobial marketed for human use unless the Secretary makes a final written determination that, based on either the application holder's demonstration or an HHS risk analysis, there is a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health due to the development of antimicrobial resistance attributable to the drug's nontherapeutic use.

Requires the Secretary to rescind approval of an exemption for investigational use of, or of approval of a new drug application for, a medically important antimicrobial for its nontherapeutic use in a food-producing animal two years after the exemption is granted or the application for approval is submitted. Exempts from this requirement any drugs for which there has been found a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health.

Prohibits the administration of a medically important antimicrobial (including by means of animal feed) to a food-producing animal for nonroutine disease control unless there is a significant risk that a disease or infection present on the premises will be transmitted to the food-producing animal. Requires the administration of the antimicrobial to be: (1) necessary to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission; (2) for the shortest duration possible to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission; and (3) at a scale no greater than the barn, house, or pen level and to the fewest animals possible to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Jun 27, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5503-5504)
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.