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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 970, L.D. 1362, “Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Transportation of Tar Sands”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Relating to a Review of Risks Associated with Tar Sands Oil'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Review of tar sands oil. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct a review of the environmental and public health and safety risks associated with the production, handling and transportation by road, rail, water and pipeline of unrefined bituminous tar sands oil, referred to in this resolve as "the product," in the State, including review of:

- 1. The characteristics of the product so the State can best plan for potential incident responses if an accident occurs;
- 2. The resources at risk, the potential behavior and fate of the product when spilled in marine or freshwater environments and response options for a spill, including the equipment, expertise and technology needed to respond to a spill that has an impact on groundwater or marine or freshwater environments;
- 3. The potential effects on a community in the case of a spill and the best response options;
- 4. The required temperature and pressure for transporting the product and how the required transportation temperature and pressure would affect the likelihood of a failure and the damage resulting from a failure; and
- 5. Federal studies, including any reports by the National Academy of Sciences and any reviews related to a Keystone XL pipeline; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved: That, by January 31, 2014, the Department of Environmental Protection shall report on the progress of the review

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 identified in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural
2 Resources. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill to the First
3 Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This amendment replaces the resolve. Currently, the Department of Environmental
6 Protection is conducting a department-initiated review of the environmental and public
7 health and safety risks associated with unrefined bituminous tar sands oil. This
8 amendment requires the department to continue that review and specifies areas upon
9 which the review must be focused. The department is directed to report by January 31,
10 2014 on the progress of the review to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and
11 Natural Resources, and the joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill to the
12 First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.