

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENAULT

TO: CSHJR 9(), Draft Version "D"

1 Page 1, line 4, following "**Columbia**":

2 Insert "; **and urging the United States government to continue to work with the**
3 **government of Canada to support the efforts of the state and British Columbia to**
4 **collaborate on proposed and existing industrial upstream development in British**
5 **Columbia**"

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7 Page 2, following line 17:

8 Insert new resolution sections to read:

9 "**WHEREAS**, on November 25, 2015, Governor Bill Walker and British Columbia
10 Premier Christy Clark signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation recognizing
11 and formalizing "the mutual commitment of Alaska and British Columbia to sustaining our
12 environment for the benefit of all, including transboundary rivers, watersheds, and fisheries";
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, in the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation, the state and
15 British Columbia agreed "to establish and oversee a joint process to develop and implement a
16 joint water quality monitoring program for transboundary waters, ensuring that data are
17 publicly available"; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2016, Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott signed a
19 Statement of Cooperation on Protection of Transboundary Waters, in which a bilateral
20 working group consisting of the commissioners of environmental conservation, fish and
21 game, and natural resources and British Columbia's deputy ministers of energy and mines and
22 environment was established; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in the October 6, 2016, Statement of Cooperation, a technical working

1 group on monitoring, consisting of water quality experts from resource regulatory agencies in
2 the state and British Columbia was established to develop procedures for reporting between
3 the two jurisdictions; and

4 **WHEREAS** the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding and Statement of
5 Cooperation are currently being implemented, and significant progress is being made toward
6 enhanced collaboration and effective input by the state into British Columbia's regulatory
7 processes; and"

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9 Page 3, line 5, following "Columbia":

10 Insert "; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the United
12 States government to continue to work with the government of Canada to support the efforts
13 of the state and British Columbia to collaborate on proposed and existing industrial upstream
14 development in British Columbia"