

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHJR 9(FSH)

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTLAKE

1 Page 1, line 4, following "Columbia": *(title amendment)*

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

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7 Page 2, following line 17:

8 Insert new clauses to read:

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

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

18 WHEREAS, on October 6, 2016, Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott, Bill Bennett,
19 British Columbia Minister of Energy and Mines, and Mary Polak, British Columbia Minister
20 of Environment, signed a Statement of Cooperation on Protection of Transboundary Waters,
21 in which a bilateral working group, consisting of the commissioners of environmental
22 conservation, fish and game, and natural resources and British Columbia's deputy ministers of
23 energy and mines and environment, was established to develop a technical working group on

1 monitoring for transboundary waters and ensuring that data is publicly available; and

2 **WHEREAS**, in the October 6, 2016, Statement of Cooperation on Protection of
3 Transboundary Waters, an unfunded technical working group on monitoring, consisting of
4 water quality experts from resource regulatory agencies in the state and British Columbia, was
5 established to develop procedures for reporting between the two jurisdictions; and"

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7 Page 2, line 18, following "the":

8 Insert "signing of the"

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10 Page 2, lines 18 - 20:

11 Delete ", signed by Alaska Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott, Bill Bennett, British
12 Columbia Minister of Energy and Mines, and Mary Polak, British Columbia Minister of
13 Environment,"

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

16 Insert "; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the United
18 States government to continue to work with the government of Canada to support the
19 complementary efforts of the state and British Columbia to collaborate on proposed and
20 existing industrial upstream development in British Columbia"