

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING PROMPT CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL FOR THE KEystone XL PIPELINE.

WHEREAS, the state of Montana, counties, and school districts will benefit substantially by an increase in the property tax base when the Keystone XL Pipeline is approved and completed; and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Compliance granted by the Department of Environmental Quality in 2012 for the Keystone XL Pipeline states that "the Project will generate long-term property tax revenues for the counties traversed by the pipeline that will last for the life of the Project. The Project will generate approximately \$63 million in annual property tax revenues in Montana"; and

WHEREAS, the on-ramp at Baker, Montana, will allow 100,000 barrels of Bakken oil to be transported daily to Gulf Coast refineries; and

WHEREAS, the selected location of the pipeline through Montana and the conditions imposed by the Certificate of Compliance granted by the Department of Environmental Quality minimize adverse impacts on the environment, landowners, and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, significant infrastructure improvements, including powerlines and road and bridge improvements, will be built and paid for by TransCanada; and

WHEREAS, Montana's Congressional delegation unanimously supports the approval of the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Montana's Governor Steve Bullock supports approval of this pipeline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the 64th Legislature urges prompt Congressional and Presidential approval for the Keystone XL Pipeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Montana's Congressional Delegation.

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