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Senator Kevin T. Van Tassell proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND FACILITIES THAT ENHANCE THE PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF UINTAH BLACK WAX

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses support for new technologies and facilities that allow for and enhance the production and value of Uintah Black Wax in the Uintah Basin.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ expresses support for new technologies and facilities that allow for and enhance the production and value of Uintah Black Wax in the Uintah Basin; and
- ▶ encourages the cooperation and consideration of local, state, and federal officials in

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efforts to develop an oil ~~land~~ upgrading facility in the Uintah Basin in a manner that is prudent, ethical, and lawful.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, the United States is seeking energy development opportunities;

WHEREAS, using natural resources from all possible energy producing sources is integral to economic growth;

WHEREAS, within the Uintah Basin of the state of Utah, there is an abundance of crude oil commonly referred to as Black and Yellow Wax crude;

WHEREAS, geological estimates put the potential of this resource on equal footing with the largest oil developments in the United States;

WHEREAS, on average, the United States imports from foreign sources more than half of all oil sold in America;

WHEREAS, a significant amount of imported oil comes from countries and regions hostile to the interests of the United States;

WHEREAS, conservative estimates indicate that there is more recoverable oil on federal lands in the United States than in Saudi Arabia, a major source of imported oil;

WHEREAS, a significant amount of the oil in the Uintah Basin is found beneath tribal lands;

WHEREAS, the Ute Indian Tribes receive significant compensation from oil production on tribal lands;

WHEREAS, the United States Treasury receives significant revenues from severance taxes paid from oil extraction on federal and tribal lands;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah receives significant revenues from ~~the~~ severance taxes paid from oil extraction on lands within the state;

WHEREAS, the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) receives significant revenues from oil extracted on SITLA lands in the Uintah Basin;

WHEREAS, the economies of the counties in the Uintah Basin depend upon the oil and gas industry;

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WHEREAS, the major producers of oil in the Uintah Basin are actively pursuing opportunities to increase production;

WHEREAS, because of the molecular nature of the wax crude in the Uintah Basin, the refineries in North Salt Lake are currently the only viable market for producers of the wax crude;

~~{~~ WHEREAS, delivery of the wax crude to the North Salt Lake refineries requires significant volumes of truck traffic on local roads and Utah's Highway 40;

~~WHEREAS, heavy truck traffic on these roads requires expensive maintenance and adds to air quality issues in the Uintah Basin and along the Wasatch Front;~~

~~WHEREAS, the North Salt Lake refineries are at or near their capacity to take more wax crude, thereby artificially capping the market for increased oil production in the Uintah Basin;~~

~~WHEREAS, expansion potential of the North Salt Lake refineries could be impacted by current air quality challenges along the Wasatch Front and by a hostile federal Environmental Protection Agency;~~

~~†~~ WHEREAS, an oil upgrading facility could change the molecular structure of the wax crude to liquefy it and allow the wax to be delivered to market via pipeline ~~{ to other markets}~~;

WHEREAS, an oil upgrading facility in the Uintah Basin would allow for increased production of the wax crude in the Uintah Basin, to the benefit of all Utahns; and

WHEREAS, private companies are willing and anxious to build an oil upgrading facility on private land in the Uintah Basin:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, supports and encourages new technologies and facilities that allow for and enhance the production and value of Uintah Black Wax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge that the development of an oil upgrading facility in the Uintah Basin, through the cooperation and consideration of local, state, and federal officials, be conducted in a manner that is prudent, ethical, and lawful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of the Interior, the Utah Petroleum Association, the Utah Department of Natural Resources, ~~{and}~~ the Public Service Commission, and the members of ~~{Utah}~~ Utah's

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congressional delegation.