

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to enact legislation requiring stabilization of crude oil prior to transport.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Approximately 700,000 barrels of oil a day are transported by rail out of the Bakken region of North Dakota and Montana. Bakken crude oil has been shown to be highly flammable and more prone to ignite than traditional heavy crude oil. Stabilizing crude oil from the Bakken region and elsewhere by stripping-out flammable natural gas liquids would improve the safety of transporting the oil and greatly reduce the risk of combustion.

House Joint Memorial 3 asks Congress to enact legislation requiring that crude oil be stabilized by removing flammable natural gas liquids prior to transport.

House Committee: 6 – 0 – 1

House Floor: 48 – 3 – 9