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(Neb.) - Nebraska to resume Keystone XL pipeline review

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Gov. Dave Heineman has signed a bill that will allow the state to proceed with its review of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline through Nebraska.

The Republican governor signed the measure Tuesday, declaring the review process a top priority for his state.

The state review stopped in January, when President Barack Obama denied a permit for the project after congressional Republicans tried to force his hand. Environmental groups strongly oppose the proposed crude oil pipeline, which would travel through Nebraska on a Canada-to-Texas route.

The bill will allow the Nebraska to proceed, regardless of what happens at the federal level. It will go into effect after midnight on Wednesday.

A spokesman for pipeline developer TransCanada says the company will submit a proposed corridor through Nebraska very soon.

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