

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 4 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Thomsen
Nays: 0
Exc.: Starr, Beyer
Prepared By: Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires persons applying for permit to build transmission line with Energy Facility Siting Council notify all people's utility districts, municipal utilities, electric cooperative or public utilities in which the transmission line is built. Exempts applicants who are people's utility districts, municipal utilities, electric cooperatives and public utilities. Requires persons under authority of Public Utility Commission to provide Commission with name and contact information of persons responsible for maintenance and operation of power lines on January 2nd of every even-numbered year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consensus work group product
- Identifying responsible party in case of incidents

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Electrical generation facilities are often connected to substations on or near the same site as the generation facility. The substation converts the voltage of the electricity and sends it to the electrical grid through generation tie-lines. House Bill 2203-A requires the owner of the generation tie-line to notify the Public Utility Commission as to who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the lines.