

## Minnesota Needs a Plan for Power Plant Communities & Workers

**Minnesota's power plant host communities have powered our state for decades.**

**As Minnesota shifts toward newer, cleaner energy technology, the benefits of this transition will spread across the entire state but a specific set of communities and workers will be deeply impacted.**

### The Facts:

- All of Minnesota's largest investor-owned power plants are already scheduled for early retirement or will be considered for retirement within the next 20 years
- Power Plants are often a community's largest employer and property tax contributor, sometimes contributing as much as 70% of the local community's tax base
- Minnesota's five largest power plants employ nearly 1,100 permanent unionized workers
- 770 additional workers are employed each year for short-term maintenance work

These communities and workers will bear the brunt of a transition that they can't overcome on their own. To get it right, Minnesota needs a thoughtful, coordinated approach.

### The Proposal:

Minnesota needs a plan and the infrastructure to implement it.

Our bill, SF 1566/HF 1750, would order the creation of Minnesota Energy Transition Legacy Plan and create the Minnesota Energy Transition Legacy Office to carry out its vision.

## The Details:

### Creating a Comprehensive Transition Plan

- The bill orders the creation of Minnesota's first-ever comprehensive transition plan to address the impacts of plant retirements on host communities and workers.
- The plan will include a full-scale review of the projected impacts of plant retirements as well as an evaluation of existing state programs and their sufficiency in responding to plant retirement impacts
- The plan will also provide recommendations for new or modified tools to support impacted local governments and workers



### Carrying Out a Successful, Responsible Transition

- The creation of a state office to administer and oversee implementation of the transition plan over time
- Modeled after a similar concept created by the State of Colorado
- Housed under the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, with cross-agency coordination built in

### Promoting Cross-Agency Collaboration and Stakeholder Responsiveness

- Oversight, input, and collaboration will be supported by an advisory committee of key stakeholders, including:
  - Representatives of impacted local governments, workers, utilities and advocacy organizations
  - Ex-officio members representing key state agencies

