

1.1 moves to amend S.F. No. 1537, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **URBAN TRANSMISSION LINE; CERTIFICATE OF NEED**
1.4 **REQUIRED.**

1.5 A high-voltage transmission line longer than one mile with a capacity of 100
1.6 kilovolts or more that is located in a city of the first class in a zone within one mile of
1.7 the transmission line in which population density exceeds 8,000 persons per square
1.8 mile, and that runs parallel to and is within one-quarter mile of a below-grade bike and
1.9 walking path that connects with other bike paths along a river, is subject to the provisions
1.10 of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.243.

1.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
1.12 and applies only to high-voltage transmission lines described in this section that are the
1.13 subject of an application for a route permit under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216E, that is
1.14 pending before the Public Utilities Commission on March 15, 2010.

1.15 Sec. 2. **NEIGHBORHOOD ENERGY REDUCTION REPORT.**

1.16 Subdivision 1. **Report.** (a) By February 15, 2011, an organization with experience
1.17 in energy conservation and energy planning at the neighborhood level that serves as
1.18 project manager must submit a report to the chairs and ranking members of the senate
1.19 and house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction over energy policy
1.20 that contains the following information:

1.21 (1) projections of the amount of energy that can be conserved and generated through
1.22 the implementation of cost-effective energy efficiency investments; innovative energy
1.23 storage projects, including thermal energy storage; smart-grid technologies; and energy
1.24 produced from distributed generation projects fueled by solar photovoltaic and other
1.25 renewable energy sources located in the focused study area designated in the application

2.1 to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a route permit for the high-voltage
2.2 transmission line identified in section 1;

2.3 (2) for each energy-reducing or energy-generating element recommended, estimates
2.4 of the amount of energy conserved or generated, the reduction in peak demand from the
2.5 generating units currently utilized by the utility serving the focused study area, and the
2.6 cost per unit of energy saved or generated; and

2.7 (3) an estimate of the number of green jobs that would be created through
2.8 implementation of the report's recommendations.

2.9 (b) The utility that serves the focused study area must actively participate in the
2.10 research process that produces the report and must supply data requested by the project
2.11 manager and any entity under contract with the project manager to produce portions
2.12 of the report, including, but not limited to, load and supply information, and models
2.13 and calculations of residential, industrial and commercial energy usage and peak energy
2.14 demand at any level of disaggregation, provided that no individual energy consumer is
2.15 identified and from that neither their identities nor any other characteristic that could
2.16 uniquely identify an individual energy consumer is ascertainable from the information,
2.17 unless the individual energy consumer has given written permission to the utility to
2.18 disclose that information.

2.19 (c) The project manager may contract for portions of the work required to complete
2.20 the report.

2.21 Subd. 2. **Community steering committee.** (a) The project manager must convene a
2.22 community steering committee to provide input to the report. Appointments to the steering
2.23 committee must reflect the diversity of the focused study area, and include representatives
2.24 of focused study area residents, building owners and renters, businesses, churches, other
2.25 institutions, including the Midtown Community Works Partnership, local hospitals, the
2.26 utility serving the focused study area, and the city in which the focused study area is
2.27 located. All meetings held by the community steering committee or any subcommittees it
2.28 creates shall be public meetings, with advance notice given to the public.

2.29 (b) The project manager shall seek to maximize the participation of focused study
2.30 area residents, stakeholders and institutions in recommending ideas to be included within
2.31 the scope of the report and in reviewing initial and successive drafts of the report,
2.32 including providing stipends for child care and transportation when necessary to increase
2.33 participation. The project manager shall contact representatives of similar successful
2.34 projects in other states to benefit from their experience and to learn about best practices
2.35 for increasing public participation that can be replicated in Minnesota. The report must

3.1 incorporate and respond to comments from the focused study area and the steering
3.2 committee.

3.3 Subd. 3. **Energy savings.** The utility that serves the focused study area may apply
3.4 energy savings resulting directly from the implementation of recommendations contained
3.5 in the report regarding energy efficiency investments to its energy-savings goal under
3.6 section 216B.241, subdivision 1c.

3.7 Subd. 4. **Certificate of need process.** No contested case evidentiary hearings for a
3.8 certificate of need for the transmission line identified in section 1 may commence until
3.9 45 days after completion of the report described in this section. The Minnesota Public
3.10 Utilities Commission may not issue a route permit for the transmission line under chapter
3.11 216E unless and until it has issued a certificate of need under section 216B.243.

3.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.13 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER.**

3.14 (a) Of the assessment authority authorized and appropriated to the commissioner
3.15 of commerce under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.052, subdivision 2, paragraph (c),
3.16 clause (1), up to \$307,000 in fiscal year 2011 only must be used by the commissioner to
3.17 implement this act. Of this amount, \$34,000 must be transferred and is appropriated to
3.18 the Public Utilities Commission to implement section 1.

3.19 (b) The utility subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, shall transfer
3.20 \$100,000 from the renewable development account established under that section to the
3.21 commissioner of commerce, who shall deposit it in the special revenue fund.

3.22 (c) \$100,000 from the money deposited in the special revenue fund under paragraph
3.23 (a) is appropriated to the commissioner of commerce for a grant to an organization
3.24 with experience in energy conservation and energy planning at the neighborhood level
3.25 that serves as project manager serving the Twin Cities for the purpose of completing the
3.26 report required under section 2."

3.27 Amend the title accordingly