

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 338 as follows:

1.2 Page 2, after line 33, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 3. **[216E.121] PROPERTY RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN.**

1.4 The Department of Commerce shall provide a property rights ombudsman to assist  
1.5 landowners who may be affected by a proposed high-voltage transmission line of 100  
1.6 kilovolts or more, or ancillary substations, or a natural gas, petroleum, or petroleum  
1.7 products pipeline, or ancillary compressor stations or pump stations that requires a  
1.8 certificate of need under chapter 216B or a site or route permit under chapter 216E.

1.9 The ombudsman shall provide impartial information to landowners or others facing a  
1.10 potential right-of-way acquisition from a project described in this section, including,  
1.11 but not limited to:

1.12 (1) the steps and procedures an acquiring authority must comply with in seeking to  
1.13 obtain a right-of-way by negotiation or eminent domain;

1.14 (2) the timelines associated with various procedures under clause (1);

1.15 (3) options and rights of property owners and other persons faced with a right-of-way  
1.16 acquisition under the law, including rights for reimbursement of costs of appraisals and  
1.17 relocation costs; and

1.18 (4) how to find appraisers and attorneys specializing in right-of-way acquisition to  
1.19 assist landowners or others.

1.20 The department's cost of providing a property rights ombudsman shall be reimbursed  
1.21 on a prorated basis by the proposers whose projects generate inquiries to the property  
1.22 rights ombudsman.

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

1.24 Amend the title accordingly