

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3125 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216E.03, is amended by adding a
1.4 subdivision to read:

1.5 Subd. 7a. Preferred route for high-voltage transmission lines. In issuing a route
1.6 permit for a high-voltage transmission line, the commission shall, consistent with the
1.7 safe and efficient operation of transportation systems and a policy of prudent avoidance
1.8 that minimizes the proximity of overhead high-voltage transmission lines to residences,
1.9 schools, child care facilities, day camps, and hospitals, where avoidance is costless
1.10 or can be achieved at little cost, give priority consideration to utilizing existing utility,
1.11 highway, and publicly owned railway corridors. The term corridor means land in or in
1.12 reasonable proximity to an existing utility, publicly owned railway or highway easement
1.13 or right-of-way. The commission shall also give consideration to placing high-voltage
1.14 transmission lines underground.

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

1.16 Sec. 2. TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING; DEPARTMENT OF
1.17 TRANSPORTATION ROLE.

1.18 (a) The Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Transportation must
1.19 cooperate to develop and implement procedures and policies to efficiently carry out the
1.20 policy established in new Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.03, subdivision 7a, that assigns
1.21 a preference for routing high-voltage transmission lines in highway rights-of-way. The
1.22 policies and procedures must allow for the Department of Transportation's participation in
1.23 the transmission planning and route permitting process in order to coordinate transmission
1.24 routing with any applicable Department of Transportation permitting processes.

2.1 (b) The Public Utilities Commission must report any statutory amendments required
2.2 by the policies and procedures developed under paragraph (a) to the chairs and ranking
2.3 minority members of the senate and house committees with primary jurisdiction over
2.4 energy policy committees by January 15, 2011.

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