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February 27, 2023

To: Rep. Michael Nelson, Chair  
House Labor and Industry Policy and Finance Committee

CC: Members of the committee

From: Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel  
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

Re: Testimony in support of HF 1551

Dear Chair Nelson and members of the committee:

MMUA, a voluntary membership association representing the 124 municipal electric utilities across the State, respectfully submits this memo to document our support for HF 1551, Representative Newton's bill codifying an agreement between the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), electrical worker unions, and consumer owned utilities, as to when certain load control equipment installation is exempt from re-inspections and the fees associated with such inspections.

HF 1551 has taken a few years to negotiate but is now ready to become law. It will save time and money by eliminating the need for a re-inspection of the installation of load management equipment provided certain safety related conditions are met that ensure the public's safety.

MMUA is proud to join the Minnesota Rural Electric Association in support of this bill and thanks Representative Newton for bringing it forward.