

**HF3802 - 1A - High-Voltage Certificate of Need Requirements Mod.**

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

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\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		<b>Biennium</b>			<b>Biennium</b>	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-

**Bill Description**

This legislation would exempt certain transmission lines from obtaining a Certificate of Need from the Commission. The specific type of transmission project that would be exempt is "the upgrade or rebuilding of an existing electric line and associated facilities with a capacity of less than 100 kilovolts to a high voltage transmission line with a capacity of 115 kilovolts, provided that at least 80 percent of the length of the upgraded or rebuilt high voltage transmission line in Minnesota is located along existing electric line right-of-way."

**Assumptions**

In recent years, we have not incurred costs or revenues related to projects that would be exempt from obtaining a Certificates of Need from the Commission under this bill, so there will be no fiscal impact to the Commission.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

n/a

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

n/a

**Local Fiscal Impact**

n/a

**References/Sources**

n/a

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