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House File 2828 establishes a goal that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission issue or deny pipeline routing permits within 150 days of submission of an application. The commission is required to report twice annually to the governor and legislature on its success in meeting that goal. The report must also catalogue the reason why the goal was not met. The commission is also required to notify a project proposer within 30 days of receipt of a site permit application whether the application is complete, and if it is not, the commission must specify the deficiencies.

The bill also requires the commission to review its site route permitting process to identify sources of delay or duplication, and to take action to eliminate those barriers to efficiency or justify why the processes are necessary. The findings of such a review are to be included in the report required above.