



**Minnesota Senate**  
**Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate**  
**Committee**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Presentation on FORTIFIED Program from the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS)**

**Testifiers:**

- Michael Newman, General Counsel
- Fred Malik, Director of the FORTIFIED program

**3. S.F. 1759 – Mohamed – Energy-use goal for certain commercial and residential buildings establishment.**

**Testifiers:**

- Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce

**4. S.F. 1315 – Hauschild - Existing high-voltage direct current transmission line between North Dakota and Minnesota upgrade appropriation.**

**Testifiers:**

- Julie Pierce, Vice President of Strategy and Planning, MN Power
- Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota
- Annie Harala, St. Louis County Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District

**5. Informational Hearing: Mine Truck Electrification**

**Testifiers:**

- Sen. Grant Hauschild, Senate District 3
- David Chura, Manager of Emerging Initiatives, MN Power / ALLETE
- Edward Faulk, Sales and Business Development Manager – Surface Mining Equipment, Komatsu Mining Corporation
- Kristen Vake, Executive Director, Iron Mining Association of Minnesota
- John Arbogast, District 11 Staff Representative, United Steelworkers

**6. Adjournment**