

Senator Frentz from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate,
to which was referred

S.F. No. 3949: A bill for an act relating to energy; modifying provisions governing the
siting and relocation of high-voltage transmission lines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,
section 216E.02, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 161.46,
subdivision 2.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:


Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 161.45, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 4. **High voltage transmission.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, paragraph (a),
high voltage transmission lines, under the laws of this state, or the ordinance of any city,
may be constructed, placed, or maintained across or along any trunk highway, federally
aided state trunk highways, controlled access highway, interstate highway, or roadway,
except as deemed necessary by the commissioner of transportation to protect public safety
or ensure the proper function of the trunk highway. If the commissioner of transportation
denies a high voltage electric line collocation request, the reasons for the denial must be
submitted for review to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees with
jurisdiction over energy and transportation, the Public Utilities Commission executive
secretary, and the commissioner of commerce within 90 days of the denial. For the purposes
of this subdivision, "high voltage transmission line" has the meaning given in sections
216B.246, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and 216E.01, subdivision 4."

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on
Transportation. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.


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(Committee Chair)

March 4, 2024.....
(Date of Committee recommendation)