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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 438

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Energy Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; requesting the Legislative Energy Commission to study issues
1.3 related to high-voltage transmission line routing.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING;
1.6 LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION STUDY.

1.7 The Legislative Energy Commission is requested to study and make
1.8 recommendations concerning state laws and rules governing the routing of high-voltage
1.9 transmission lines. In particular and without limitation on other subjects, the commission
1.10 is requested to study:

1.11 (1) whether financial assistance should be provided to citizens to participate in the
1.12 routing process and, if so, the process for providing the assistance and the amounts of
1.13 the assistance; and

1.14 (2) under what circumstances, if any, landowners whose land is not included within
1.15 a route should be compensated for a loss in property value caused by the construction of a
1.16 high-voltage transmission line within the route.

1.17 The commission is requested to make its recommendation to the committee of the
1.18 legislature with primary jurisdiction over energy issues by February 15, 2014.

1.19 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.