

A bill for an act
relating to energy; requiring annual legislative report on adequacy of electric
transmission infrastructure; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
chapter 216C.

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

Section 1. **[216C.054] ANNUAL TRANSMISSION ADEQUACY REPORT TO
LEGISLATURE.**

The commissioner of commerce, in consultation with the Public Utilities
Commission, shall annually by January 15 submit a written report to the chairs of the
legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over energy policy that contains a
narrative describing what electric transmission infrastructure is needed within the state
over the next 15 years and what specific progress is being made to meet that need. To the
extent possible, the report must contain a description of specific transmission needs and
the current status of proposals to address that need. The report must identify any barriers
to meeting transmission infrastructure needs and make recommendations, including any
legislation, that are necessary to overcome those barriers. The report must be based on the
best available information and must describe what assumptions are made as the basis for
the report. If the commissioner determines that there are difficulties in accurately assessing
future transmission infrastructure needs, the commissioner shall explain those difficulties
as part of the report. The report must be in easily understood, nontechnical terms.