

LINE 3 AUTHORIZATION; PUC BYPASS

REJECT HF 3759 (FABIAN, GROSSELL, KIEL, GREEN, LUECK, HEINTZEMAN, SWEDZINSKI, NEWBERGY, GAROFALO); SF 3510 (OSMEK, EICHORN, JOHNSON)

THIS BILL WOULD:

Immediately authorize Enbridge's proposed Line 3 replacement pipeline along the Company's preferred route, terminating the role of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), which is set to make a final determination regarding the pipeline this June.

THIS IS A PROBLEM BECAUSE:

- No valid justification has been provided for bypassing the usual collaborative process and undermining the regulatory authority of the PUC.
- The project is opposed by several environmental groups and tribal bands because it opens up a new region of lakes, rivers and wild rice waters to degradation from construction and potential oil spills. These groups have voiced their opinions by participating in the PUC process.
- The Minnesota Department of Commerce has concluded that Enbridge has not demonstrated a need for the project, and that the risks outweigh any benefits.
- Governor Mark Dayton has indicated he would veto this legislation, as it provides "end runs" around the PUC "to give special interests what they want."

HERE IS A PROPOSED SOLUTION:

The authority to approve or deny the Line 3 replacement pipeline should remain with the PUC.

The PUC should be allowed to continue to do the job that the Legislature created it to do.



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