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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to commerce; making technical changes to certain legislative reports;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 216C.054; 237.55.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 216C.054, is amended to read:

1.6 **216C.054 ANNUAL TRANSMISSION ADEQUACY REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.**

1.7 By January 15 each odd-numbered year, the commissioner of commerce, in consultation  
1.8 with the Public Utilities Commission, ~~shall annually by January 15~~ must submit a written  
1.9 report to the chairs and the ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
1.10 primary jurisdiction over energy policy that contains a narrative describing what electric  
1.11 transmission infrastructure is needed within the state over the next 15 years and what specific  
1.12 progress is being made to meet that need. To the extent possible, the report must contain a  
1.13 description of specific transmission needs and the current status of proposals to address that  
1.14 need. The report must identify any barriers to meeting transmission infrastructure needs  
1.15 and make recommendations, including any legislation, that are necessary to overcome those  
1.16 barriers. The report must be based on the best available information and must describe what  
1.17 assumptions are made as the basis for the report. If the commissioner determines that there  
1.18 are difficulties in accurately assessing future transmission infrastructure needs, the  
1.19 commissioner shall explain those difficulties as part of the report. The commissioner is not  
1.20 required to conduct original research to support the report. The commissioner may utilize  
1.21 information the commissioner, the commission, and the Office of Energy Security possess  
1.22 and utilize in carrying out their existing statutory duties related to the state's transmission  
1.23 infrastructure. The report must be in easily understood, nontechnical terms.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.55, is amended to read:

2.2 **237.55 ANNUAL REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS.**

2.3 The commissioner of commerce must prepare a report for presentation to the Public  
2.4 Utilities Commission by ~~January 31~~ of March 1 each year. Each report must review the  
2.5 accessibility of telecommunications services to persons who have communication disabilities,  
2.6 describe services provided, account for annual revenues and expenditures for each aspect  
2.7 of the fund to date, and include predicted program future operation.