

Testimony on SB 2263

Senator Jordan Kannianen, District 4

Chairman Porter and committee members,

SB 2263 would ensure that all landowners within an energy corridor receive proper notification of a project development application that's been filed with the Public Service Commission.

Chapter 49-22, The Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, is under the jurisdiction of the PSC, and it deals specifically with energy conversion facilities (including wind farms) and transmission lines.

In current law, the Public Service Commission "is to serve notice of filing of the application on such persons and agencies that the commission may deem appropriate", including publishing notice in each necessary county paper.

This bill would add the requirement that landowners within the corridor would be served notice by the applicant.

The signing of an easement and the application for development are separate acts that can occur years apart. This bill would ensure that landowners who signed an easement within a corridor are made aware of the project details that are being proposed so they can provide public input if they choose.

SB 2263 strengthens communication with landowners, and I ask for a Do Pass recommendation.

Thank you.