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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to sanctions on intervenors in contested cases
2 before the Iowa utilities commission.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 474.3, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **474.3 Proceedings.**

4 1. The utilities commission may in all cases conduct its
5 proceedings, when not otherwise prescribed by law, in such manner
6 as will best conduce to the proper dispatch of business and the
7 attainment of justice.

8 2. The utilities commission shall not threaten or impose
9 sanctions against any intervenor unless the utilities commission
10 determines the intervenor engaged in conduct that satisfies all
11 the following conditions:

12 a. The intervenor was knowingly dishonest or in violation of
13 a criminal statute.

14 b. The intervenor caused actual injury to the utilities
15 commission, which injury is quantifiable and exceeds five hundred
16 dollars.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to sanctions on intervenors in contested
21 cases before the Iowa utilities commission. The bill prohibits
22 the commission from threatening or imposing sanctions on an
23 intervenor unless the commission determines the intervenor was
24 knowingly dishonest or in violation of a criminal statute and
25 caused actual, quantifiable injury to the commission in excess of
26 \$500.