

**Senate Study Bill 1113 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to electric transmission lines approved by  
2 federally registered planning authority transmission plans  
3 including right of first refusal and land restoration  
4 requirements, and including effective date and applicability  
5 provisions.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 478.16, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **478.16 Electric transmission lines — federally registered**  
4 **planning authority transmission plans.**

5 1. Development and investment in high-voltage transmission  
6 is urgently needed to ensure the reliable, adequate, secure,  
7 and stable delivery of electricity to consumers. To ensure  
8 reliable electric service to the people of Iowa as a matter  
9 of public policy, it is the intent of the general assembly to  
10 express a preference for further investment in Iowa transmission  
11 infrastructure by electric transmission owners who have already  
12 dedicated significant resources to develop the infrastructure on  
13 which Iowans rely and who are better able to provide reliable  
14 electric service to local electric utilities and retail customers  
15 in Iowa.

16 ~~1.~~ 2. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
17 requires:

18 a. "Electric transmission line" means a high-voltage electric  
19 transmission line located in this state with a capacity  
20 voltage of one hundred kilovolts or more and any associated  
21 electric transmission facility, including any substation or other  
22 equipment located in this state.

23 b. "Electric transmission owner" means an individual or  
24 entity ~~who, as of July 1, 2020,~~ formed, located, or headquartered  
25 in any state who owns and maintains an electric transmission  
26 line in this state that is required for rate-regulated electric  
27 utilities, municipal electric utilities, and rural electric  
28 cooperatives ~~in this state~~ to provide electric service to the  
29 public for compensation.

30 c. "Incumbent electric transmission owner" means ~~any an~~  
31 individual or entity meeting the definition of the following:

32 ~~(1) A public utility or a municipally owned utility that~~  
33 ~~owns, operates, and maintains an electric transmission line in~~  
34 ~~this state.~~

35 ~~(2) An electric cooperative corporation or association or~~

~~1 municipally owned utility that owns an electric transmission  
2 facility in this state and has turned over the functional control  
3 of such facility to a federally approved authority.~~

4 ~~(3)~~ An an "electric transmission owner" as defined in  
5 paragraph "b" on or before July 1, 2024.

6 ~~d. "Landowner" means the same as defined in section 478.2~~  
7 "Initial construction" means the construction necessary to  
8 establish and place an electric transmission line into initial  
9 operation.

10 e. "Load ratio share" means the amount, expressed as a  
11 percentage, of a public power utility's electric load divided by  
12 the total electric load in the applicable incumbent electric  
13 transmission owner's pricing zone.

14 ~~e. f.~~ "Municipally owned utility" means a "city utility" as  
15 defined in section 362.2, or an "electric power agency" as  
16 defined in section 390.9 which that is comprised solely of cities  
17 or solely of cities and other political subdivisions.

18 g. "Public power utility" means a municipally owned utility  
19 or an electric cooperative corporation or association that  
20 receives transmission service from an incumbent electric  
21 transmission owner, or that is subject to regional cost  
22 allocation for the electric transmission line, or both.

23 h. "Qualified individual" means someone who is capable and  
24 knowledgable enough to determine compliance with the standards  
25 set forth in this section.

26 ~~2.~~ 3. a. An incumbent electric transmission owner has the  
27 right to construct, own, and maintain an electric transmission  
28 line that has been approved for construction in a federally  
29 registered planning authority transmission plan and ~~which that~~  
30 directly connects to an electric transmission facility owned by  
31 the incumbent electric transmission owner. Where a proposed  
32 electric transmission line would directly connect to electric  
33 transmission facilities owned by two or more incumbent electric  
34 transmission owners, each incumbent electric transmission owner  
35 whose facility connects to the electric transmission line has the

1 right to construct, own, and maintain the electric transmission  
2 line individually and equally. If an incumbent electric  
3 transmission owner declines to construct, own, and maintain its  
4 portion of an electric transmission line that would connect to  
5 electric transmission facilities owned by two or more incumbent  
6 electric transmission owners, then the other incumbent electric  
7 transmission owner or owners that own an electric transmission  
8 facility to which the electric transmission line connects has the  
9 right to construct, own, and maintain the electric transmission  
10 line individually.

11 b. An eligible incumbent electric transmission owner  
12 exercising the right to construct, own, and maintain an electric  
13 transmission line pursuant to paragraph "a" shall offer public  
14 power utilities an opportunity to jointly own a portion of the  
15 electric transmission line and such offer shall be in an amount  
16 not less than a public power utility's load ratio share, pursuant  
17 to a written agreement. Nothing in this section shall be  
18 construed to prohibit an incumbent electric transmission owner  
19 and a public power utility from agreeing to joint ownership of an  
20 electric transmission line in an amount different than the public  
21 power utility's load ratio share. A public power utility may  
22 transfer or assign joint ownership rights acquired under this  
23 section to another public power utility or group of public power  
24 utilities by mutual consent of the eligible contracting parties.

25 c. An eligible incumbent electric transmission owner  
26 exercising the right to construct, own, and maintain an electric  
27 transmission line pursuant to paragraph "a" may contract with  
28 another electric transmission owner or electric public utility as  
29 defined in section 476.1 to jointly own a portion of the electric  
30 transmission line pursuant to a written agreement.

31 d. For purposes of this section, a municipally owned utility  
32 or an electric cooperative corporation or association may elect  
33 to be an incumbent electric transmission owner or a public power  
34 utility but cannot act as both with respect to a single  
35 transmission line.

1     ~~3.~~ 4. If an electric transmission line has been approved for  
2 construction in a federally registered planning authority  
3 transmission plan, and the electric transmission line is not  
4 subject to a right of first refusal in accordance with the tariff  
5 of a federally registered planning authority and would otherwise  
6 be subject to a competitive developer process, then within the  
7 later of ninety days of approval for construction or ninety days  
8 after enactment of this Act, an incumbent electric transmission  
9 owner, or owners if there is more than one owner, that owns a  
10 connecting electric transmission facility shall give written  
11 notice to the commission regarding whether the incumbent electric  
12 transmission owner or owners intend to construct, own, and  
13 maintain the electric transmission line. If the incumbent  
14 electric transmission owner or owners give notice of intent to  
15 construct the electric transmission line, the incumbent electric  
16 transmission owner or owners shall follow the applicable  
17 franchise requirements pursuant to this chapter. The incumbent  
18 electric transmission owner shall update the notice to construct  
19 an electric transmission line to include information concerning  
20 the implementation of joint ownership as described in subsection  
21 3, paragraphs "b" and "c", within thirty days after a written  
22 agreement has been reached between the parties. If the incumbent  
23 electric transmission owner or owners give notice declining to  
24 construct the electric transmission line, the commission may  
25 determine whether another person may construct the electric  
26 transmission line.

27     ~~4.~~ 5. For projects ~~where~~ for which an election to construct  
28 an electric transmission line has been made under this section,  
29 all of the following cost accountability measures shall apply:

30     a. Within thirty days after the issuance of a franchise  
31 pursuant to this chapter for the electric transmission line, the  
32 incumbent electric transmission owner or owners shall provide to  
33 the commission an estimate of the cost to ~~construct~~ complete the  
34 initial construction of the electric transmission line.

35     b. Until the initial construction of the electric

1 transmission line is complete, the incumbent electric  
2 transmission owner or owners shall provide a quarterly report to  
3 the commission, which shall include an updated estimate of the  
4 cost to construct the electric transmission line, and an  
5 explanation of changes in the cost estimate from the prior cost  
6 estimate, and documentation that the incumbent electric  
7 transmission owner or owners have used competitively bid  
8 construction contracts that meet all the technical, commercial,  
9 and other specifications, such as safety performance, that are  
10 required by the incumbent electric transmission owner or owners  
11 with respect to the initial construction of the electric  
12 transmission line.

13 c. The consumer advocate appointed under section 475A.1 shall  
14 have free access to documents, reports, and information submitted  
15 to the commission pursuant to this subsection, consistent with  
16 section 475A.4. To the extent relevant, the commission and the  
17 consumer advocate may use the information for any purpose  
18 properly within the scope of their respective duties including  
19 but not limited to use in proceedings before the federal energy  
20 regulatory commission to challenge the costs incurred by the  
21 incumbent electric transmission owner. However, this subsection  
22 does not create a private cause of action or complaint.

23 5. 6. This section shall not modify the authority of the  
24 commission under this chapter, the rights of landowners under  
25 this chapter, or the requirements, rights, and obligations  
26 relating to the construction, maintenance, and operation of  
27 electric transmission lines pursuant to this chapter.

28 6. 7. This section shall not apply to an electric  
29 transmission line to be placed underground that has not been  
30 approved for construction in a federally registered planning  
31 authority transmission plan.

32 7. 8. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
33 17A to administer this section, which shall include rules  
34 regarding the restoration of agricultural lands following the  
35 initial construction of an electric transmission line, as

1 specified in subsection 9.

2 9. The commission shall adopt rules to implement the  
3 following requirements, which shall not apply within the  
4 corporate limits of a city or to any construction, activity, or  
5 electric transmission lines other than the initial construction  
6 of an electric transmission line with a voltage of two hundred or  
7 more kilovolts and for which an election to construct has been  
8 made under this section:

9 a. An incumbent electric transmission owner shall repair a  
10 damaged underground drain tile as soon as practicable during  
11 construction of the electric transmission line. Permanent  
12 repairs to the damaged underground drain tile shall be completed  
13 as soon as practicable after the initial construction of the  
14 electric transmission line is complete. The repairs made to the  
15 damaged drain tile shall be of at least equal quality, size, and  
16 flow capacity of the original drain tile.

17 b. Following the initial construction of an electric  
18 transmission line, the incumbent electric transmission owner  
19 shall remove from the easement area all rock larger than three  
20 inches in average diameter not native to the soil of the  
21 excavated land. The rock removed from the excavated land that  
22 cannot be used to backfill shall be disposed of at a location and  
23 in a manner agreed upon by the incumbent electric transmission  
24 owner and the landowner.

25 c. Upon completion of construction activities on a property,  
26 the incumbent electric transmission owner shall deep till  
27 agricultural land, including right-of-way access points or roads  
28 traversed by heavy construction equipment, to alleviate soil  
29 compaction. The land shall be tilled at least eighteen inches  
30 deep in land used for crop production and twelve inches deep in  
31 other lands unless otherwise agreed to by the landowner.

32 d. Upon completion of the electric transmission line, the  
33 incumbent electric transmission owner shall restore the soil  
34 conservation practices and structures damaged during construction  
35 of the electric transmission line to the elevation and grade

1 existing on the land prior to the construction. The soil used to  
2 repair embankments intended to retain water shall be well  
3 compacted. Any vegetation disturbed during construction shall be  
4 reestablished, including cover crops when appropriate.

5 e. Following compaction of the land, agricultural land that  
6 is not in row crop or small grain production at the time of  
7 construction, including hay ground and land in conservation or  
8 set-aside programs, shall be reseeded and a cover crop shall be  
9 utilized when appropriate. Seeding for cover crops may be  
10 delayed if the construction of the electric transmission line is  
11 completed too late in the year for a cover crop to become  
12 established and is not required if the land will be tilled in the  
13 following year. The landowner may request ground cover to  
14 prevent soil erosion in areas where construction on the electric  
15 transmission line is completed if the season is not suitable for  
16 seeding a cover crop.

17 f. Unless agreed upon by the incumbent electric transmission  
18 owner and the landowner, the incumbent electric transmission  
19 owner shall remove field entrances or temporary roads built for  
20 the purpose of constructing the electric transmission line upon  
21 the completion of the initial construction and restore the area  
22 to its previous use.

23 g. An incumbent electric transmission owner shall use good  
24 utility practices for constructing the electric transmission line  
25 in wet conditions, such as electing to use matting or padding  
26 when utilizing heavy equipment. An incumbent electric  
27 transmission owner shall grade and till any rutted land to  
28 restore, to the extent practicable, the original condition of the  
29 land prior to the construction of the electric transmission line.  
30 If agreed upon by the incumbent electric transmission owner and  
31 the landowner, the landowner may repair any damage caused by  
32 construction activities in wet conditions and the incumbent  
33 electric transmission owner shall reimburse the landowner for the  
34 reasonable cost incurred to repair the damage. If an incumbent  
35 electric transmission owner utilizes heavy equipment in wetlands

1 or mudflats, mats or other measures shall be utilized to minimize  
2 soil disturbance.

3 h. For each electric transmission line, the incumbent  
4 electric transmission owner shall designate a point of contact  
5 for inquiries or claims from an affected person. The designation  
6 shall include a name, a telephone number, an email address, and  
7 an address.

8 10. a. If an incumbent electric transmission owner and a  
9 landowner dispute a potential violation of the restoration  
10 standards provided in subsection 9, the commission may appoint a  
11 qualified individual to inspect the property for compliance. If  
12 the qualified individual determines that there has been a  
13 violation of the applicable restoration standards, the commission  
14 shall provide oral notice, followed by written notice, to the  
15 incumbent electric transmission owner and the contractor  
16 operating for the incumbent electric transmission owner and order  
17 corrective action to comply with the restoration standards. The  
18 incumbent electric transmission owner shall be responsible for  
19 the costs of the corrective action.

20 b. If the incumbent electric transmission owner or the  
21 contractor for the incumbent electric transmission owner does not  
22 comply with a valid order for corrective action issued by the  
23 commission, the commission may issue an order requiring  
24 corrective action to be taken and may impose civil penalties  
25 under section 478.29.

26 c. The commission shall instruct the inspector appointed by  
27 the commission regarding the content of the statutes and rules  
28 and the responsibility of the inspector to require restoration  
29 conforming with the standards established in subsection 9.

30 11. a. A petitioner for a franchise for an electric  
31 transmission line shall file with the petition a written land  
32 restoration plan that documents how the requirements and rules of  
33 subsection 9 will be met. The petitioner shall provide a copy of  
34 the plan to all landowners of property that will be disturbed by  
35 the initial construction.

1 b. Nothing in this section shall preclude the application of  
2 provisions for protecting or restoring property that are  
3 different than those prescribed in subsection 9, in rules adopted  
4 under subsection 9, or in the land restoration plan, if the  
5 alternative provisions are contained in agreements independently  
6 executed by the incumbent electric transmission owner and the  
7 landowner. Independent agreements for land restoration between  
8 the incumbent electric transmission owner and the landowner shall  
9 be in writing and provided to the commission.

10 c. The commission may by waiver allow variations from the  
11 requirements of subsection 9 if the incumbent electric  
12 transmission owner requesting a waiver satisfies the standards  
13 set forth in section 17A.9A and if the alternative methods  
14 proposed by the incumbent electric transmission owner would  
15 restore the land to a condition as good as or better than as  
16 provided for in subsection 9.

17 d. The commission may waive preparation of a separate land  
18 restoration plan if the incumbent electric transmission owner  
19 enters into an agricultural impact mitigation plan or similar  
20 agreement with the appropriate agencies of this state that  
21 satisfies the requirements of subsection 9. If a mitigation plan  
22 or agreement is used to fully or partially meet the requirements  
23 of a land restoration plan, the statement or agreement shall be  
24 filed with the commission and shall be considered to be, or to be  
25 part of, the land restoration plan for purposes of subsection 9.

26 12. Nothing in this section shall limit, expand, or otherwise  
27 modify the rights of access and obligations for damages set forth  
28 in section 478.17.

29 Sec. 2. Section 478.18, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 **478.18 Supervision of construction — location.**

32 1. The utilities commission shall have power of supervision  
33 over the construction of a transmission line and over its future  
34 operation and maintenance, including inspections for compliance  
35 with the standards adopted under section 478.16 after restoration

1 of the land is complete.

2 2. A transmission line shall be constructed near and parallel  
3 to roads, to the right-of-way of the railways of the state,  
4 or along the division lines of the lands, according to  
5 the government survey, wherever the same is practicable and  
6 reasonable, and so as not to interfere with the use by the  
7 public of the highways or streams of the state, nor unnecessarily  
8 interfere with the use of any lands by the occupant.

9 3. The utilities commission may contract a qualified  
10 individual for the purpose of inspections authorized under  
11 section 478.16. The reasonable cost of the inspection shall  
12 be paid by the incumbent electric transmission owner. The  
13 utilities commission shall instruct the inspector appointed by  
14 the commission regarding the content of the statutes and rules  
15 and the responsibility of the inspector to require restoration  
16 conforming with the applicable standards established in section  
17 478.16. For purposes of this section, "qualified individual"  
18 means the same as defined in section 478.16.

19 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
20 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

21 Sec. 4. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. With the exception of the  
22 portion of the section of this Act amending section 478.16,  
23 subsection 3, paragraph "b", as amended by this Act, this  
24 Act applies retroactively to transmission lines included in a  
25 federally registered planning authority long-term transmission  
26 plan approved on or after July 1, 2020. The portion of the  
27 section of this Act amending section 478.16, subsection 3,  
28 paragraph "b", as amended by this Act, shall apply retroactively  
29 to transmission lines included in a federally registered planning  
30 authority long-term transmission plan approved on or after July  
31 1, 2024.

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 This bill relates to electric transmission lines approved

1 by federally registered planning authority transmission plans  
2 including right of first refusal and land restoration  
3 requirements.

4 The bill expounds the legislative purpose of Code section  
5 478.16, identifying Iowa consumers' urgent need for development  
6 and investment in high-voltage transmission. The bill provides  
7 that an incumbent electric transmission owner may be formed,  
8 located, or headquartered in any state as long as the electric  
9 transmission line is located in Iowa.

10 The bill defines an "incumbent electric transmission owner"  
11 as an individual or entity who, as of July 1, 2024, owns  
12 and maintains an electric transmission line in this state that  
13 is required for rate-regulated electric utilities, municipal  
14 electric utilities, and rural electric cooperatives in the state  
15 to provide electric service to the public for compensation.

16 Under the bill, an incumbent electric transmission facility  
17 owner has the right to construct, own, and maintain an  
18 electric transmission line that directly connects to the electric  
19 transmission facility. If a proposed transmission line would  
20 directly connect to facilities owned by two or more facility  
21 owners, each owner has the right to construct, own, and maintain  
22 the electric transmission line individually and equally.

23 The bill requires an incumbent electric transmission owner  
24 exercising its right to construct, own, and maintain an electric  
25 transmission line to offer public power utilities an opportunity  
26 to jointly own a portion of the electric transmission line. The  
27 offered amount must be at least the amount of the public power  
28 utility's electric load divided by the total electric load in  
29 the applicable incumbent electric transmission owner's pricing  
30 zone. The bill does not prohibit the entities from agreeing to  
31 joint ownership in a different amount. Additionally, the bill  
32 allows the public power utility to transfer or assign its joint  
33 ownership rights to another public power utility or group of  
34 public power utilities with the consent of the incumbent electric  
35 transmission owner.

1 The bill allows an incumbent electric transmission owner  
2 exercising its right to construct, own, and maintain an electric  
3 transmission line to contract with another electric transmission  
4 owner or electric public utility to jointly own a portion of the  
5 electric transmission line.

6 The bill requires the incumbent electric transmission owner  
7 or owners with approved electric transmission lines not subject  
8 to right of first refusal in a federally registered planning  
9 authority transmission plan to give notice to the commission  
10 whether the owner or owners intend to construct, own, and  
11 maintain the electric transmission line. The notice shall be  
12 given within the later of 90 days of approval for construction  
13 or 90 days after enactment of the bill. The commission may  
14 determine whether another person may construct the electric  
15 transmission line if the incumbent electric transmission owner or  
16 owners give notice declining to construct or do not give timely  
17 notice.

18 The bill requires incumbent electric transmission owners to  
19 provide documentation to the commission that shows utilization of  
20 competitively bid construction contracts that meet all necessary  
21 technical, commercial, and other specifications required for  
22 compliant construction.

23 The bill allows the consumer advocate free access to all  
24 documents, reports, and information submitted to the commission  
25 regarding cost accountability measures for the construction of  
26 electric transmission lines. These documents, reports, and  
27 information may be used by the consumer advocate for any purpose  
28 within the scope of the consumer advocate's duties. These  
29 provisions do not create a private cause of action or complaint.

30 The bill directs the commission to adopt rules to implement  
31 the land restoration requirements after initial construction of  
32 an electric transmission line as set forth in the bill.

33 The bill requires incumbent electric transmission owners  
34 to repair drain tiles damaged during construction as soon  
35 as practicable and to complete permanent repairs as soon as

1 practicable after initial construction. The permanent repairs  
2 must be of the same quality, size, and flow capacity of the  
3 original drain tile.

4 The bill requires incumbent electric transmission owners to  
5 remove all nonnative rocks larger than three inches in diameter  
6 from the easement area. The disposal of rock that cannot be  
7 used as backfill must be done at a location and in a manner  
8 agreed to between the incumbent electric transmission owner and  
9 the landowner.

10 The bill requires the incumbent electric transmission owner  
11 to till agricultural land affected by construction, including  
12 right-of-way access points or roads, after electric transmission  
13 line construction activities are completed on the affected  
14 property. The land must be tilled at least 18 inches deep in  
15 land used for crop production and 12 inches deep in all other  
16 land, unless otherwise agreed to by the landowner.

17 The bill requires the incumbent electric transmission owner to  
18 restore soil conservation practices and structures damaged during  
19 construction to their previous state, compact the soil used to  
20 repair embankments intended to retain water, and reestablish any  
21 vegetation disturbed during construction, including cover crops.

22 The bill requires the incumbent electric transmission owner  
23 to reseed the agricultural land, excluding row crops and small  
24 grain production, following compaction of the land. Seeding for  
25 cover crops may be delayed if construction is completed too late  
26 in the year and is not required if the land will be tilled the  
27 following year. When the season is not suitable for the seeding  
28 of cover crops, the landowner may request ground cover to prevent  
29 soil erosion.

30 The bill requires the incumbent electric transmission owner  
31 to remove all field entrances and temporary roads used during  
32 construction and to restore the areas to their previous state  
33 following the completion of the initial construction.

34 The bill requires the incumbent electric transmission owner  
35 to use good practices when constructing in wet conditions and

1 to grade and till any rutted land in order to restore the  
2 land to its original condition to the extent practicable.  
3 Additionally, the bill allows the landowner to repair damage  
4 caused by construction in wet conditions. The incumbent  
5 electric transmission owner shall then reimburse the landowner  
6 for reasonable costs of repair. The bill requires an electric  
7 transmission owner to utilize mudflats, mats, or other measures  
8 to minimize soil disturbance when using heavy equipment in  
9 wetlands.

10 The bill requires the incumbent electric transmission owner  
11 to provide contact information to all persons affected by the  
12 construction of each transmission line.

13 The bill allows the commission to appoint an inspector to  
14 determine compliance with restoration standards in the event  
15 the incumbent electric transmission owner and the landowner  
16 dispute over potential violations. The cost of the inspection  
17 shall be paid by the incumbent electric transmission owner.  
18 If the inspector determines there have been violations of the  
19 restoration standards, the commission will provide oral and  
20 written notice to the incumbent electric transmission owner. The  
21 commission will order corrective actions be taken to comply with  
22 the standards. The costs of the corrective actions will be borne  
23 by the electric transmission owner.

24 The bill allows the commission to issue an order requiring  
25 corrective action and impose civil penalties if the incumbent  
26 electric transmission owner or its contractor do not comply with  
27 the required standards.

28 The bill requires the commission to instruct the inspectors on  
29 the statutes, rules, and responsibilities regarding restoration  
30 standards.

31 The bill requires petitioners for a franchise for electric  
32 transmission construction to file a land restoration plan  
33 outlining how the construction will conform to the required  
34 standards. The restoration plan will also be provided to all  
35 property owners affected by the construction.

1 The bill allows alternative provisions in independent  
2 agreements with landowners regarding protecting or restoring  
3 property as long as these provisions are in writing and are  
4 provided to the commission.

5 The bill allows electric transmission owners to propose  
6 alternate methods of land restoration to the commission.  
7 The commission, by waiver, may allow variations to the land  
8 restoration requirements if the proposed alternate methods would  
9 restore the land to a condition as good or better than those  
10 required by the bill.

11 The bill allows the commission to waive the preparation of  
12 a separate land restoration plan, in whole or in part, if the  
13 incumbent electric transmission owner satisfies the requirements  
14 through similar agreement with other agencies in the state. The  
15 relevant agreements must be filed with the commission.

16 The bill does not limit, expand, or otherwise modify the  
17 rights of access and obligations for damages set forth in Code  
18 section 478.17.

19 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

20 The bill applies retroactively to an electric transmission  
21 line included in a federally registered planning authority  
22 long-term transmission plan approved on or after July 1, 2020,  
23 with the exception of the provisions requiring incumbent electric  
24 transmission owners to offer public power utilities the option  
25 to jointly own qualifying electric transmission lines. For this  
26 exception, the bill applies retroactively to July 1, 2024.