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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Hedke and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment
From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: 02/12/2016
RE: House Bill 2623

HB 2623 would give an incumbent electric transmission owner the right to construct, own and maintain a new local electric transmission line that had been approved for construction by the Southwest Power Pool and that connected to existing electric transmission lines owned by the incumbent. If a new transmission line would interconnect to existing lines owned by more than one incumbent, each incumbent would have an equal right to construct, own and maintain such new transmission line.

The bill would not affect an incumbent electric transmission owner's use and control of existing property rights. Under the bill a "local electric transmission line" is defined as any line or extension of a line with a rating of greater than 100 kilovolts and less than 200 kilovolts.

