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Representative Fischer

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the creation of an interstate compact regarding 1
competitively bid electric transmission projects. 2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, There are anti-competitive policies in some states 3
that constrain efforts to modernize and expand energy 4
transmission assets; and 5

WHEREAS, These policies have hindered infrastructure growth 6
and increased costs to ratepayers due to the noncompetitive 7
nature of the resulting transmission projects; and 8

WHEREAS, Some of the most popular anti-competitive laws 9
discriminate against out-of-state businesses, which may violate 10
the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution; and 11

WHEREAS, Market-led consumer demand for better products and 12
services has precipitated an increased need for power generation 13
in America; and 14

WHEREAS, To maintain a viable and growing American economy 15
and to ensure a secure and reliable power supply, the United 16
States must modernize and expand the transmission capacity of 17
our utility infrastructure in a way that is responsive to the 18
needs and demands of future economic growth and that of the 19
citizens of the respective states; now therefore be it 20

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General 21
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the creation of an 22
interstate compact to allow for a competitive electric 23
transmission market to flourish in the best interest of the 24
electric ratepayer and the economy in general; and be it further 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General 26
Assembly of the State of Ohio, also urge that the interstate 27
compact include various principles and policies, including 28
uniform applicability to all electric generation methods, 29
allocation of costs holistically to all beneficiaries without 30
targeting specific industries, equal applicability of the 31
compact to all states that enter into the compact, uniformity of 32
siting and certification processes, streamlining of permits and 33
reviews for adopting innovative grid-enhancing technologies, 34
opening the bidding process to interstate projects, eliminating 35
double permitting, and prioritizing the designation of co- 36
location superhighways for streamlined permitting and 37
coordinated infrastructure development when possible; and be it 38
further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 41
Governor and the Commissioners of the Public Utilities 42
Commission of Ohio. 43