



Anti Utility Group Fumbles Attack, Cites Education Proposal as Zombie Anti-ROFR Bill

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MINNESOTA – An anti-utility front group tried to revive a dead bill in the Minnesota Legislature opposing Right of First Refusal (ROFR) to incumbent transmission providers, citing partly in a statement, “...*the introduction of S.F. No.3461 by State Senator Andrew Mathews, which would eliminate anti-competitive provisions...*”

In reality, [SF 3461](#) has nothing to do with ROFR, was introduced by a different Senator (Boldon), and is actually, “*A bill for an act relating to education; encouraging schools to provide instruction on healthy aging and dementia; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.*”

The botched attack comes on the same day Wisconsin’s legislature passed a ROFR bill to cut interstate transmission costs for ratepayers by sharing them with other states.

The [front group](#) likely meant a dead bill with only two supporters that’s been buried in the Minnesota Senate Energy, Utilities Environment and Climate Committee. The bill has no House companion and has not moved since it was introduced over a year ago. It is not anticipated to get any action this session.

“The opposition groups are desperate to hide the truth about what ROFR actually does to save utility customers money,” said Bill Skewes, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Utilities Association which supports the WI ROFR.

“This is just another example of the anti ROFR cabal getting their facts wrong”.

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