

I support SB 853 because:

New overhead construction of new overhead transmission lines MUST be prohibited unless existing Rights-of-Way are proven insufficient through thorough study. Construction of new overhead transmission lines will require acquisition of rights-of-way which will involve using eminent domain to gain those ROWs. This will cause devastating impacts on landowners by greatly diminishing property values, on farmers by permanently destroying valuable, productive farmland, and on forests and wetlands, by destroying ecosystems that will be impossible to replace or rebuild.

Respectfully submitted,

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