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 Not Enacted	<p><a href="#">Alabama</a></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southeast		
 Not Enacted	<p><a href="#">Alaska</a></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	West		
 In-Progress	<p><a href="#">Arizona</a></p> <p>The Arizona Energy Promise Taskforce, established by Executive Order 2025-13, must develop a strategic plan to streamline the deployment of electric generation and transmission projects, including through the co-location of transmission in existing rights-of-way. By March 1, 2026, the Arizona Department of Transportation must deliver a report that identifies opportunities for the Department to participate in transmission planning, including through through the colocation of transmission in existing state rights-of-way.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Executive Order 2025-13 (2025)</a></li> </ul>	Southwest		2025

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**Arkansas**



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Southeast

**California**



The California Department of Transportation must "evaluate the suitability" of highway rights-of-way for developing renewable energy facilities and transmission. A report that identifies the issues and policies impeding the use of department-owned rights-of-way for transmission was due December 31, 2025.

West

2023

Establishing Policies

- [SB 49 \(2023\)](#)

STATUS	STATE	REGION	COMPONENTS	YEAR ENACTED
 Enacted	<p><b>Colorado</b></p> <p>By January 1, 2027, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) must update rules to allow for transmission co-location along highway rights-of-way. The Colorado Electric Transmission Authority and Colorado Energy Office must develop a report that identifies all potential highway corridors suitable to high voltage transmission line development.</p>	West		2025
	<p>Starting January 1, 2027, transmission developers must consider development sites in the following order: existing utility corridors, state highway rights-of-way, and new utility corridors.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SB 21-072 (2021)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 25-1292 (2025)</a></li> </ul>			

 Not Enacted	<p><b>Connecticut</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Northeast		

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 Enacted	<p><b>Delaware</b></p> <p>The Delaware Public Service Commission and Department of Transportation are required to work together to facilitate the interconnection, including all associated transmission infrastructure, of renewable projects larger than 30 MW along highway rights-of-way. The accommodation of renewable energy interconnection facilities in the State-owned roadway rights-of-way is noted by the legislature as an integral part of the State's infrastructure.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SB 265 (2024)</a></li> </ul>	Southeast		2024
 Enacted	<p><b>Florida</b></p> <p>The Department of Transportation must accommodate utilities in placing transmission lines to specifically support new base-load electrical generation facilities. Per the statute, "base-load" generation includes steam and solar-powered generation over 75MW, or smaller with special certification.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Florida Statutes Section 337:401 (2021)</a></li> </ul>	Southeast		2021
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Georgia</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southeast		

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 Not Enacted	<p><b>Idaho</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	West		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Illinois</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Midwest		

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 Not Enacted	<p><b>Iowa</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Midwest		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Kansas</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Midwest		

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 Not Enacted	<p><b>Louisiana</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southeast		
 Enacted	<p><b>Maine</b></p> <p>The PUC must solicit proposals for the development of a transmission line to connect renewable energy resources in northern Maine and give preference to proposals that use existing utility and other rights-of-way.</p> <p>The Governor's Energy Office must produce a study on the colocation of transportation, electric transmission and railway rights-of-way, due in September 2026.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Sec. A-2. 35-A MRSA §122 (2010)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">LD 1710 (2021)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">LD 197 (2025)</a></li> </ul>	Northeast		2025

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 In-Progress	<p><b>Maryland</b></p> <p>The Maryland Department of Transportation must identify state highways and other agency-owned properties suitable for siting high-voltage transmission and co-located energy infrastructure. An interagency Workgroup must thereafter propose fast-track permitting for projects sited on state-owned ROW.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Executive Order 01.01.2025.27 (2025)</a></li> </ul>	Southeast		2025
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Massachusetts</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Northeast		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Michigan</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Midwest		

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 Enacted	<p><b>Minnesota</b></p> <p>Minnesota allows for the co-location of new high-voltage electric transmission in all existing state and interstate highway corridors, and provides guidance on prioritizing such corridors as a preferred route for new projects. The PUC must consider locating a route for a high-voltage transmission line on an existing high-voltage transmission route and using parallel existing highway rights-of-way.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">HF 5247 (2024)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SF 4942 (2024)</a></li> </ul>	Midwest		2024
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Mississippi</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southeast		
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 Not Enacted	<p><b>Nebraska</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Midwest		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Nevada</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	West		

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 Enacted	<p><b>New Hampshire</b></p> <p>In 2016, New Hampshire designated energy corridors along, within, and under four specific highway rights-of-way for underground co-location of transmission and other energy infrastructure. Developers have the option to use these designated corridors instead of privately-owned land for siting energy infrastructure projects, but are not required to use them.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">HB 626 (2016)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">NH Rev Stat § 162-R (2016)</a></li> </ul>	Northeast		2016
 Not Enacted	<p><b>New Jersey</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Northeast		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>New Mexico</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southwest		

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 Not Enacted	<p><b>North Carolina</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	<p>Southeast</p>		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>North Dakota</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	<p>Midwest</p>		

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 Not Enacted	<p><b>Oregon</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	West		

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 Not Enacted	<p><b>Rhode Island</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">290-20 R.I. CODE R. §5</a></li> </ul>	Northeast		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>South Carolina</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southeast		

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 Not Enacted	<p><b>Tennessee</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southeast		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Texas</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person’s property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southwest		

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 Not Enacted	<p><b>Vermont</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Northeast		
 Not Enacted	<p><b>Virginia</b></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	Southeast		

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### Washington



The Department of Transportation (DOT) has been allocated \$150,000 to explore alternative uses of highway rights-of-way (ROWs) to address pressing public needs relating to climate change, renewable energy, and electrical transmission and distribution projects, among others. As part of that exploration, the DOT is directed to (1) review the utility accommodation policy and make recommendations to update it to include renewable energy and electrical transmission and distribution projects, and (2) identify existing highway ROWs suitable as designated energy corridors for electric transmission and distribution and other energy infrastructure.

West

2025

#### Establishing Policies

- [SB 5161 \(2025\)](#)

### West Virginia



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 Enacted	<p><a href="#">Wisconsin</a></p> <p>Wisconsin prioritizes siting of new electric transmission facilities in the following order: along existing utility corridors, highway and railroad corridors, recreational trails, and new corridors. Utilities can locate their facilities along and across highway rights-of-way with the written consent of the Wisconsin DOT.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2003 Wisconsin Act 89 (2003)</a></li> </ul>	Midwest		2003
 Not Enacted	<p><a href="#">Wyoming</a></p> <p>Rights-of-way grant certain entities (like utilities) the right to pass through or use a designated portion of another person's property. States can empower transmission planners and state Departments of Transportation to promote and prioritize projects that colocate transmission lines in existing rights-of-way, such as along highways, to accelerate the siting and construction of new transmission.</p>	West		