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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING STATE AGENCIES TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT
FUTURE ENERGY CAREERS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is an energy resource-rich state,
with solar, wind, geothermal, natural gas and oil; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico energy conservation and
management division of the energy, minerals and natural
resources department has developed an energy roadmap through
multiple meetings with energy stakeholders who represented
energy producers, large energy users, regulators,
transportation interests, local and regional governments and
energy advocates; and

WHEREAS, these energy stakeholders identified a highly
skilled energy workforce as a key priority to strengthen and
diversify New Mexico's energy economy; and

WHEREAS, growing and diversifying New Mexico's energy
economy will require employees to be trained in the areas of
renewable energy, fossil-fuel energy, nuclear energy, energy
storage and produced water; and

WHEREAS, a well-trained energy workforce can position
New Mexico to be a national leader in developing and
exporting energy as global demand rises; and

WHEREAS, maximizing New Mexico's energy export potential
will require investment in a workforce ready to support and

1 develop the expansion of the state's electrical transmission
2 system, energy storage, natural gas processing infrastructure
3 and produced water infrastructure; and

4 WHEREAS, the New Mexico energy roadmap also supports the
5 increased use of alternative-fuel vehicles, which
6 necessitates an adequately trained labor pool to support
7 alternative-fuel vehicle research, infrastructure, use and
8 maintenance; and

9 WHEREAS, new educational and training programs, as well
10 as increased support of existing resources, could support the
11 increase in a trained and ready energy workforce; and

12 WHEREAS, increased resources and policy directives from
13 the state could help encourage underrepresented groups,
14 including ethnic minorities, women, veterans and
15 socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, to enter into
16 energy-related careers;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that state agencies be requested to
19 advance and support policies and programs that remove access
20 barriers, improve outreach and better align education and
21 training programs with energy workforce needs; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate be requested to
23 support enabling diverse opportunities in energy careers as a
24 priority of the state, and to support the continued
25 implementation of the New Mexico energy roadmap; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
3 resources, the secretary of higher education, the secretary of
4 public education, the secretary of economic development, the
5 secretary of workforce solutions and the governor. _____

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