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**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY; CREATING THE OFFICE OF ENERGY INFORMATION;  
PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES; CONVENING THE ENERGY INFORMATION  
WORKING GROUP; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 71 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] OFFICE OF ENERGY INFORMATION--  
ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED--POWERS AND DUTIES.--

A. As used in this section, "energy-sector entity"  
means a person engaged in:

(1) ownership or control of mineral fuel  
resources or nonmineral energy resources;

(2) exploration for or development of mineral  
fuel resources;

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1 (3) extraction of mineral fuel or nonmineral  
2 energy resources;

3 (4) refining, milling or otherwise processing  
4 mineral fuels or nonmineral energy resources;

5 (5) the storage of mineral fuels or nonmineral  
6 energy resources;

7 (6) the generation, transmission or storage of  
8 electrical energy;

9 (7) the transportation of mineral fuels or  
10 nonmineral energy resources; or

11 (8) wholesale or retail distribution of  
12 mineral fuels, nonmineral energy resources or electrical  
13 energy.

14 B. The "office of energy information" is created  
15 and is administratively attached to the energy, minerals and  
16 natural resources department. The energy, minerals and natural  
17 resources department shall provide administrative services for  
18 the office of energy information.

19 C. On or before July 31, 2026, the director of the  
20 office of energy information shall be appointed by the governor  
21 with the advice and consent of the senate. Subject to  
22 appropriations, the director may hire staff as necessary to  
23 carry out the powers and duties of the office of energy  
24 information.

25 D. The office of energy information shall:

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1                   (1) assess existing relevant energy and  
2 emissions data collection and reporting across executive  
3 agencies;

4                   (2) consult with the Indian affairs department  
5 to create a protocol for acquiring and analyzing energy and  
6 emissions data from Indian nations, tribes and pueblos that  
7 will then be included in a data collection framework;

8                   (3) at least annually, require energy-sector  
9 entities to submit energy and emissions data in a form  
10 specified by the office of energy information, including:

11                               (a) all significant energy-related  
12 functions within the energy-sector entity, sorted by energy  
13 source and geographic area;

14                               (b) costs associated with exploration,  
15 development, production, processing, transportation and other  
16 significant energy-related functions within the energy-sector  
17 entity;

18                               (c) the quantity of fuels consumed,  
19 using standardized units of measurement identified by the  
20 office of energy information;

21                               (d) energy expenditures;

22                               (e) fuel switching capabilities;

23                               (f) uses of nonpurchased sources of  
24 energy, such as solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, waste  
25 byproducts and cogeneration;

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1 (g) volumes of imports and exports of  
2 energy in and out of New Mexico;

3 (h) water used during energy generation;  
4 and

5 (i) other information that the office of  
6 energy information deems relevant;

7 (4) make energy and emissions data publicly  
8 accessible, while protecting against the release of proprietary  
9 business information, trade secrets or other confidential  
10 information;

11 (5) analyze the data provided by executive  
12 agencies, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos and energy-sector  
13 entities to produce an annual report that includes:

14 (a) an analysis of the competitive  
15 structure of sectors and functional groupings within the energy  
16 industry;

17 (b) a list of the energy-related  
18 functions of energy-sector entities within New Mexico, sorted  
19 by energy source and geographic area;

20 (c) costs associated with exploration,  
21 development, production, processing, transportation and other  
22 significant energy-related functions within the energy-sector  
23 entity; and

24 (d) other analyses or evaluations that  
25 the office of energy information deems relevant; and

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1 (6) beginning on January 1, 2027 and on every  
2 January 1 thereafter, publish the annual report in a form that:

3 (a) is publicly accessible and  
4 transparent; and

5 (b) protects against the release of  
6 proprietary business information, trade secrets or other  
7 confidential information from individual facilities and  
8 operations.

9 E. The energy, minerals and natural resources  
10 department; the department of environment; the economic  
11 development department; the department of transportation; the  
12 New Mexico department of agriculture; the homeland security and  
13 emergency management department; the public regulation  
14 commission; the Indian affairs department; the state land  
15 office; and the New Mexico renewable energy transmission  
16 authority shall provide energy and emissions data requested by  
17 the office of energy information.

18 F. The office of energy information may:

19 (1) promulgate rules regarding the collection  
20 of energy and emissions data, including the form and schedule  
21 for reporting that the office deems appropriate to meet the  
22 requirements pursuant to this section; and

23 (2) conduct other studies and publish findings  
24 that the director deems relevant to inform policymakers and the  
25 public with objective energy and emissions data and analysis."

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1           SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--ENERGY INFORMATION  
2 WORKING GROUP.--

3           A. On or before August 31, 2026, the secretary of  
4 energy, minerals and natural resources shall convene a working  
5 group composed of:

6                       (1) the secretary of energy, minerals and  
7 natural resources;

8                       (2) the director of the office of energy  
9 information;

10                      (3) a representative from the department of  
11 environment;

12                      (4) a representative from the economic  
13 development department;

14                      (5) a representative from the department of  
15 transportation;

16                      (6) a representative from the New Mexico  
17 department of agriculture;

18                      (7) a representative from the homeland  
19 security and emergency management department;

20                      (8) a representative from the workforce  
21 solutions department;

22                      (9) a representative from the public  
23 regulation commission;

24                      (10) a representative from the Indian affairs  
25 department;

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1 (11) a representative from the state land  
2 office; and

3 (12) a representative from the New Mexico  
4 renewable energy transmission authority.

5 B. On or before December 1, 2026, the energy  
6 information working group shall identify relevant energy and  
7 emissions data collected from energy-sector entities by the  
8 executive agencies participating in the working group and  
9 propose formats and permanent schedules for providing that data  
10 to the office of energy information.

11 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.**--Three million dollars  
12 (\$3,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
13 office of energy information for expenditure in fiscal year  
14 2027 for staff, furniture, equipment, supplies and other costs.  
15 Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027  
16 shall revert to the general fund.