

1 HOUSE BILL 610

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES; DIRECTING THE WORKFORCE
12 SOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL
13 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN
14 THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. Section 9-26-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,
18 Chapter 200, Section 1) is amended to read:

19 "9-26-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[Sections 1 through 14 of this~~
20 ~~act]~~ Chapter 9, Article 26 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the
21 "Workforce Solutions Department Act"."

22 SECTION 2. A new section of the Workforce Solutions
23 Department Act is enacted to read:

24 "[NEW MATERIAL] CAREER DEVELOPMENT--WOMEN IN THE OIL AND
25 GAS INDUSTRY.--The department and the energy, minerals and

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1 natural resources department shall coordinate to:

2 A. establish programs that:

3 (1) promote opportunities for women to develop
4 their skills, continue their education or be retrained for
5 careers in the oil and gas industry;

6 (2) connect women with business development
7 resources to grow or establish oil and gas industry-related
8 businesses, including the businesses of landman, trucking or
9 plant operations; and

10 (3) engage with businesses in the oil and gas
11 industry to create apprenticeship programs to train and provide
12 work experience to women interested in a career in the
13 industry; and

14 B. undertake a study to collect statistical data on
15 the number of women employed in the oil and gas industry in New
16 Mexico and in which occupations. The workforce solutions
17 department shall publish a summary of the statistical data on
18 its website and distribute the summary to the interim
19 legislative committee that studies labor and employment
20 issues."

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