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SENATE MEMORIAL 24

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

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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

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

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

8 WHEREAS, maximizing New Mexico's energy export potential
9 will require investment in a workforce ready to support and
10 develop the expansion of the state's electrical transmission
11 system, energy storage, natural gas processing infrastructure
12 and produced water infrastructure; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico energy roadmap also supports the
14 increased use of alternative-fuel vehicles, which necessitates
15 an adequately trained labor pool to support alternative-fuel
16 vehicle research, infrastructure, use and maintenance; and

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

20 WHEREAS, increased resources and policy directives from
21 the state could help encourage underrepresented groups,
22 including ethnic minorities, women, veterans and
23 socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, to enter into
24 energy-related careers;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that state agencies be requested to advance and
2 support policies and programs that remove access barriers,
3 improve outreach and better align education and training
4 programs with energy workforce needs; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate be requested to
6 support enabling diverse opportunities in energy careers as a
7 priority of the state, and to support the continued
8 implementation of the New Mexico energy roadmap; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
11 resources, the secretary of higher education, the secretary of
12 public education, the secretary of economic development, the
13 secretary of workforce solutions and the governor.