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AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES; DIRECTING THE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY.

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

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

"9-26-1. SHORT TITLE.--Chapter 9, Article 26 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Workforce Solutions Department Act"."

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

"CAREER DEVELOPMENT--WOMEN IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY.--The department and the energy, minerals and natural resources department shall coordinate to:

A. promote programs that:

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

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

(3) engage with businesses in the oil and

1 gas industry to create apprenticeship programs to train and
2 provide work experience to women interested in a career in
3 the industry; and

4 B. undertake a study to collect statistical data
5 on the number of women employed in the oil and gas industry in
6 New Mexico by ethnicity and occupation. The workforce
7 solutions department shall publish a summary of the
8 statistical data on its website and distribute the summary
9 annually by November 1 to the interim legislative committee
10 that studies labor and employment issues."

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