



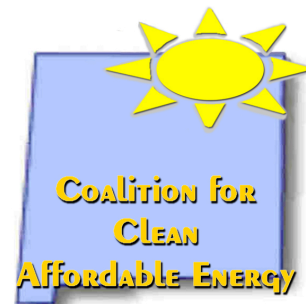
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The NM Green Jobs Bonding Act (HB 622)

Why invest in Green Jobs now?

- The current Federal stimulus package includes **over \$50 billion** for renewable energy and energy efficiency programs and **\$500 million** for green jobs training programs.
- Money from the Federal government will go to States that show that they are invested in clean-technology.
- **HB 622 would help New Mexico** leverage federal funding to create thousands of new jobs and **boost our economy.**
- New Mexico ranks 2nd in the nation in solar potential and 12th in the nation in wind potential, and large businesses have already begun to invest millions of dollars in New Mexico:
 - Schott Solar is **investing \$500 million and providing 1,500 jobs** to New Mexicans.
 - Signet Solar is building a production facility that will provide **600 jobs** to New Mexicans.

What needs to be done to bring Green Jobs to New Mexico?

- According to the National Renewable Energy Lab, the major barrier to expanding renewable energy and energy efficiency is insufficient training.
- **HB 622 would create a trained workforce, leading to millions of dollars of investment from both the Federal Government and private industry.**

Green Jobs are Good Jobs.

- Green Jobs are high paying jobs that cannot be outsourced.
- Green Jobs provide **pathways out of poverty** for low-income individuals in Tribal, rural, and urban communities.
- New Mexico could create **thousands of new Green Jobs.**
 - According to the Solar Energy Industries Association, the solar power industry could employ an additional 12,000 people in NM by 2016.
 - According to the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, expanding energy efficiency would create 6,900 jobs by 2020.

What exactly would the NM Green Jobs Act (HB 622) do?

- The 2007 Federal Green Jobs Act (HR 2847) originally called for \$125 million for Green Jobs training programs. The House Stimulus calls for \$500 million in funding for Green Jobs

training programs.

- **House Bill 622** closely resembles the Federal Green Jobs Act to **encourage Federal funding** for similar programs.
- HB 622 will provide up to **\$20 million for green jobs training programs** throughout the state through revenue bonds. The Higher Education Department would develop a state plan for granting money to higher education institutions for green jobs training programs.
- The money will be **directed to help target populations** such as Tribal and rural constituencies, low income individuals, veterans, at-risk youth, unemployed adults, workers affected by changing energy policy, and others.
- The legislation includes a **Tribal and Municipal Energy Training Partnership Program** in which grants to higher education institutions in partnership with Tribes, cities, towns, and counties will be awarded for renewable energy and energy efficiency workforce development programs.
- The legislation also includes a **Pathways Out of Poverty Program** in which grants to higher education institutions in partnership with Tribes and communities will be awarded for training programs that lead to economic self-sufficiency.
- Finally, the legislation includes a **State Research Program** in which labor market research will be conducted to link research and development in renewable energy and energy efficiency technology with the development of standards and curricula for current and future jobs.

What are other states doing around Green Jobs?

- **Massachusetts:** H.B. 5018 is backed by \$68 million in funding over five years to invest in clean energy technology research and issue seed grants to companies, universities and nonprofits to encourage the creation of clean technology ventures and the training of workers to perform associated green jobs.
- **California:** A.B. 3018 established the Green Collar Jobs Council to develop a comprehensive array of programs, strategies, and resources to address the workforce needs of CA's growing green economy. S.B. 1672 is a bill that would create the Renewable Energy, Climate Change, Career Technical Education, and Clean Technology Job Creation Council, and is backed by \$3 billion of funding through bonds to be directed at green jobs training programs.
- **Colorado:** H.B. 1025 provided \$2 million in funding to create the Governor's Energy Office and the Colorado Energy Research Institute, which collaborates with the Department of Higher Education to develop green job training programs.
- **Washington:** H.B. 2815 created a green industries jobs training account to fund green jobs training programs with the goal of increasing the number of green jobs from 8,000 to 25,000.
- **Texas:** S.B. 108/HB 516 would create the Texas Green Job Skills Development Fund to provide grants for green job skills training programs directed at disadvantaged target populations.
- **Pennsylvania:** SB 21 would provide \$25 million for grants to education and labor institutions for Green Workforce Training Programs.

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