

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To institute a reduction in force moratorium at the Department of Energy,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Saving the Department
5 of Energy’s Workforce Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN FORCE MORATORIUM AT THE DE-**
7 **PARTMENT OF ENERGY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until on or after the date that
9 full-year appropriations for the Department of Energy for

1 fiscal year 2026 have been enacted into law, the Secretary
2 of Energy may not—

3 (1) initiate or implement any reduction in force
4 at the Department of Energy; or

5 (2) conduct an involuntary separation of any
6 employee in the competitive service, any career em-
7 ployee in the excepted service, or any career ap-
8 pointee in the Senior Executive Service of the De-
9 partment of Energy except for cause on charges of
10 misconduct, delinquency, or performance.

11 (b) APPLICATION.—For the purposes of carrying out
12 subsection (a)—

13 (1) the terms “competitive service”, “excepted
14 service”, and “career appointee” have the meanings
15 given those terms in sections 2102, 2103, and
16 3132(a), respectively, of title 5, United States Code;
17 and

18 (2) such subsection shall be in addition to any
19 other authority with respect to adverse personnel ac-
20 tions, including chapter 75 of title 5, United States
21 Code.