

REFERENCE TITLE: battery storage technology; grants; appropriation

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Introduced by
Representatives Lieberman: Butler, Rodriguez

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1509; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA
COMMERCE AUTHORITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 10, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1509, to read:

4 41-1509. Arizona battery storage technology improvement grant
5 program; advisory council; program termination

6 A. THE ARIZONA BATTERY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
7 IS ESTABLISHED TO INCREASE RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPABILITY IN THIS STATE. THE
8 AUTHORITY SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM USING MONIES APPROPRIATED BY
9 THE LEGISLATURE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

10 B. THE AUTHORITY SHALL:

11 1. PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF BATTERY TECHNOLOGY AND ITS
12 IMPLEMENTATION IN THIS STATE.

13 2. CONSIDERING THE ADVICE OF THE BATTERY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY
14 IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, USE THE PROGRAM MONIES TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
15 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE
16 ENTERPRISE FOR RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS OR MARKET DEVELOPMENT FOR
17 IMPROVED BATTERY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN THIS STATE.
18 THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT USE MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE MONIES TO
19 ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM.

20 C. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHALL APPOINT A BATTERY STORAGE
21 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL THAT INCLUDES AT LEAST THE
22 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

23 1. TWO PERSONS WHO WORK IN AN ACADEMIC CAPACITY AND WHO SPECIALIZE
24 IN A FIELD RELATED TO BATTERY TECHNOLOGY AND USE.

25 2. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THIS STATE THAT
26 PROVIDE ELECTRICITY.

27 3. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE POWER UTILITIES.

28 4. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTED POWER
29 GENERATION INDUSTRY.

30 5. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY.

31 D. THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL ADVISE THE AUTHORITY ON:

32 1. THE CRITERIA FOR DISTRIBUTING PROGRAM GRANTS.

33 2. EFFICIENTLY PROMOTING BATTERY TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND ITS
34 IMPLEMENTATION IN THIS STATE.

35 E. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2031
36 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

37 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona commerce authority; Arizona
38 battery storage technology improvement grant
39 program; exemption

40 A. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
41 fund in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the Arizona commerce authority to provide
42 grants through the Arizona battery storage technology improvement grant
43 program established by section 41-1509, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added
44 by this act, to increase renewable energy capability in this state.

1 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
2 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
3 to lapsing of appropriations, except that any monies remaining unexpended
4 and unencumbered on June 30, 2024 shall revert to the state general fund.