

REFERENCE TITLE: **commerce authority; gas; prices; prioritization**

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# **HB 2696**

Introduced by  
Representative Willoughby

**AN ACT**

**PROVIDING FOR THE ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY TO REDUCE FUEL AND GAS PRICES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Arizona commerce authority; fuel and gas prices;  
3 delayed repeal

4 A. Notwithstanding any other law, the Arizona commerce authority  
5 shall use all available resources to reduce fuel and gas prices in this  
6 state. The Arizona commerce authority shall consider the reduction of  
7 fuel and gas prices in this state as its primary objective and shall  
8 prioritize the use of any existing program or incentive to advance the  
9 objective and reduce fuel and gas prices in this state.

10 B. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2029.

11 Sec. 2. Arizona commerce authority; study; report

12 A. The Arizona commerce authority shall collaborate with members of  
13 the oil and gas industry to study all of the following:

14 1. The impact of and process for the repeal of this state's cleaner  
15 burning gasoline blend, including an evaluation of potential alternative  
16 lower cost blends for this state.

17 2. The construction of additional refined products pipelines in  
18 this state and establishment of a strategic oil and gas reserve in this  
19 state.

20 3. The opportunity to construct one or more potential refineries in  
21 this state, including restarting and reevaluating, a proposed oil refinery  
22 in Yuma county.

23 B. The Arizona commerce authority shall meet at least three times  
24 between the effective date of this act and the date of the final report  
25 deadline in subsection C of this section with the chairpersons of the  
26 senate's natural resources committee and the house of representative's  
27 natural resources, energy and water committee, or their successor  
28 committees, to provide status updates on the price of fuel and gas in this  
29 state and the progress of the study required by subsection A of this  
30 section.

31 C. On or before October 1, 2026, the Arizona commerce authority  
32 shall submit a report on findings related to the study prescribed in  
33 subsection A of this section and any legislative recommendations to the  
34 governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
35 representatives and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary  
36 of state.