

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; battery integration; research center

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## **HB 2650**

Introduced by  
Representatives Martinez: Seaman, Senator Fernandez

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES 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. Appropriation; Arizona commerce authority; battery  
3 integration and research center grant program;  
4 exemption

5 A. The sum of \$50,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
6 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Arizona commerce authority to  
7 administer a battery integration and research center grant program.

8 B. The authority shall use the monies appropriated by this section  
9 to award a grant pursuant to title 41, chapter 24, Arizona Revised  
10 Statutes, to a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of  
11 regents to construct and operate a research facility in this state that  
12 allows for university-level research in partnership with private industry  
13 at the tonne scale that focuses on materials research, cell design and  
14 manufacturing processes and design at a rate of less than two  
15 gigawatt-hours per year. The authority shall award the grant to a  
16 university that:

17 1. Has demonstrated experience with operating a large-scale  
18 research facility that:

19 (a) Is focused on microelectronics and advanced manufacturing.

20 (b) Has clean room facilities, wet and dry labs and  
21 industry-compatible resources and equipment to prototype, test and produce  
22 new technologies.

23 (c) Has private sector partners or tenants located within the  
24 research facility.

25 2. Has identified private industry partners to collaborate on the  
26 grant.

27 3. Has additional financial resources for the research center from  
28 sources other than this state.

29 C. The grant monies awarded by the authority shall be used for  
30 constructing, equipping and managing the research center.

31 D. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
32 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating  
33 to lapsing of appropriations.