

## HR 7688

Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 6, 2022

**Current Status:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 373.

**Latest Action:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 373. (May 19, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7688>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		May 13, 2022
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 16, 2022
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 16, 2022
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 16, 2022
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		May 16, 2022
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		May 16, 2022
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		May 16, 2022
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 16, 2022
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		May 16, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 16, 2022
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		May 17, 2022
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 17, 2022
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		May 18, 2022
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		May 18, 2022
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 18, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 6, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 6, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1124	Related bill	<b>May 18, 2022:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### Summary (as of May 19, 2022)

#### Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act

This bill prohibits any person from selling, during a proclaimed energy emergency, a consumer fuel at a price that (1) is unconscionably excessive, and (2) indicates that the seller is exploiting the emergency to increase prices unreasonably. The President may issue a proclamation of such an emergency that specifies the consumer fuel and geographic area covered and how long the proclamation applies.

The bill provides for enforcement of these provisions by the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general. Civil penalties collected by the commission through such enforcement must be used to provide assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Additionally, the commission must investigate whether the price of gasoline is being manipulated through reducing refinery capacity or other manipulative practices. The commission also must establish a Transportation Fuel Monitoring and Enforcement Unit to collect, monitor, and analyze crude oil and transportation fuel market data.

The bill further includes specified transportation fuels within the prohibitions against (1) manipulative market practices, and (2) reporting false price information. It also increases the penalty for violations of those prohibitions.

Finally, the Energy Information Administration must survey energy companies to facilitate transparent and competitive crude oil and transportation fuel markets.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 19, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1124. (consideration: CR H5179-5195; text: CR H5179-5181)
- **May 19, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 350, H.R. 7688 and H.R. 7790. Provides for one of hour of general debate and one motion to recommit for each bill. Resolution also provides for en bloc suspension authority.
- **May 19, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 7688.
- **May 19, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1124, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Demings amendment No. 1
- **May 19, 2022:** The previous question was ordered on the amendment (A002) pursuant to the rule.
- **May 19, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Demings amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment, and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mrs. Rodgers demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 19, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1124, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pappas amendment No. 2.
- **May 19, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Pappas amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment, and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mrs. Rodgers demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 19, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 19, 2022:** Mr. Westerman moved to recommit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H5193)
- **May 19, 2022:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **May 19, 2022:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 201 - 220 (Roll no. 231).
- **May 19, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 207 (Roll no. 232).
- **May 19, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 207 (Roll no. 232).
- **May 19, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 19, 2022:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time. (Legislative Day 5/17/2022).
- **May 19, 2022:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 373.
- **May 17, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1124 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 350, H.R. 7688 and H.R. 7790. Provides for one of hour of general debate and one motion to recommit for each bill. Resolution also provides for en bloc suspension authority.
- **May 6, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.