

HOUSE No. 1729

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to hydrokinetic energy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1729) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to green energy generation. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2853 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to hydrokinetic energy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting in line 30 after the words “a Class I net metering facility that is not an agricultural net
3 metering facility or that is not using solar” the words:- “, hydrokinetic,”

4 SECTION 2. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
5 inserting in line 48 after the words “solar net metering facility,” the words:- “hydrokinetic net
6 metering facility,”

7 SECTION 3. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
8 inserting in line 67 after the words “solar net metering facility,” the words:- “hydrokinetic net
9 metering facility,”

10 SECTION 4. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
11 inserting the following new paragraph:-

12 “Hydrokinetic net metering facility,” a facility for the production of electrical energy that
13 uses: (a) waves, tides, and currents in oceans, estuaries, and tidal areas; (b) free-flowing water in
14 rivers, lakes, and streams; (c) free-flowing water in man-made channels; or (d) differentials in
15 ocean temperature, called ocean thermal energy conversion to generate electricity and is
16 interconnected to a distribution company.