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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 to establish the public innovation loan project trust fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	1/17/2019
Bradford Hill	4th Essex	1/24/2019
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	1/17/2019
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	1/17/2019
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester	1/30/2019
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden	1/31/2019
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable	1/28/2019
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	1/30/2019
Mathew J. Muratore	1st Plymouth	1/30/2019
Michael J. Soter	8th Worcester	1/31/2019
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	2/1/2019
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	2/1/2019

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2727) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a public innovation loan project trust fund within the Executive Office for Administration and Finance for innovative projects that improve public municipal or state departments. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court (2019-2020)

An Act to establish the public innovation loan project trust fund.

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

1 Chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby

amended by inserting after section 62 the following new section:-

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3 "Section 63: a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the

Commonwealth a Public Innovation Loan Project Trust Fund. The executive office for

administration and finance may designate up to 5 per cent of available funds from the Office of

the Secretary for Administration and Finance line-item 1100-1100 to the fund, which shall be

used to develop, support and promote a revolving loan fund for innovative projects that improve

a public municipal or state department. The secretary shall award funding for this purpose

through an application process. A Public Innovation Loan Project shall be awarded if the projects

achieve cost neutrality or cost savings through innovation, accountability, or entrepreneurship. b)

Awarded projects shall not receive more than one million dollars in funding if the awarded

project is limited to one department, and not more than three million dollars if the awarded

project is multi-departmental. The executive office for administration and finance may, at its discretion, make multi-year awards or award amounts in excess of these limits based on special merit with the approval of the Massachusetts legislature. c) Applications for funding shall contain the following information: 1) a description of the goal of the project and the business problem it solves; 2) a description of the current department process that addresses the issue, why they are inefficient, and why the proposed project is not currently funded within the existing budget; 3) the financial impact of the project, including, but not limited to, budgeted expenses, projections, return on investment, forecasted savings, repayment period, and funding request; and 4) an implementation plan and schedule including, but not limited to, key milestones and dates. d) the executive office for administration and finance shall publish and notify their awardees no later than the 2 months prior to the following fiscal year.