

HOUSE No. 1163

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Hogan

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 establishing a special commission to study the implementation of single payer health care in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1163) of Kate Hogan and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the implementation of single payer health care in the Commonwealth. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act establishing a special commission to study the implementation of single payer health care in the Commonwealth.

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. There shall be a special commission governed by section 2A of chapter 4
2 of the General Laws to conduct an investigation and study of the methods, cost and feasibility of
3 establishing single payer health care in the commonwealth.

4 The commission shall consist of 1 member who shall be appointed by the senate
5 president, who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader
6 of the senate; 1 member who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives,
7 who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
8 house of representatives; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on health care
9 financing; the secretary of the executive office of health and human services or designee; the
10 secretary of the executive office of administration and finance or designee; the commissioner of
11 the Massachusetts division of insurance or designee; a representative of the health policy

12 commission; a representative of the center for health information and analysis; a representative
13 of the commonwealth health insurance connector authority; a representative of the Massachusetts
14 Health and Hospital Association, a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, a
15 representative of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, a representative of Health Care
16 for All; and 2 persons who shall be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a
17 representative of employers, and 1 of whom shall be a health care economist. Members shall not
18 receive compensation for their services but may receive reimbursement for the reasonable
19 expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities as members of the commission. The joint
20 committee on health care financing may furnish reasonable staff and other support for the work
21 of the commission.

22 The commission shall conduct an investigation and study regarding the implementation
23 of single payer health care in the commonwealth. The commission shall review: (i) alternative
24 models of single payer health care systems, including, but not limited to, covered services,
25 payment methodologies, health system planning and regulation, and financing and estimated
26 costs, including federal financing; (ii) costs of implementation; (iii) methods of paying the cost
27 of single payer health care; (iv) fiscal impact on individuals and businesses; (v) impact on the
28 current private and public insurance system; (vi) effects on the state economy; (vii) effects on
29 provider reimbursement; (viii) the cost of a single payer health care system compared with
30 actual total health care expenditures in the commonwealth; (ix) effects on access, quality of care
31 and utilization; (x) necessary actions by the commonwealth to ensure compliance with federal
32 law, including any federal waiver requests; (xi) any other matters the commission deems relevant
33 to the review of single payer health care; (xii) and the experiences of other government entities
34 with converting to a single payer health care system

35 The commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations, together with
36 drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same
37 with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the chairs of the senate and house
38 committees on ways and means, and the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on health
39 care financing not later than June 30, 2020.