

HOUSE No. 2059

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Erika Uytterhoeven and Paul W. Mark

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 expanding worker ownership training opportunities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>

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By Representatives Uytterhoeven of Somerville and Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2059) of Erika Uytterhoeven, Paul W. Mark and Susannah M. Whipps relative to worker ownership training opportunities. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act expanding worker ownership training opportunities.

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 23H, Section 7, Subsection (i) of the General Laws is amended by inserting after
2 the phrase “regional workforce needs of the Commonwealth” the following:-

3 The board shall ensure that worker-owners of employee-owned businesses, as defined in
4 chapter 23D Section 1, including worker-owned limited liability companies taxed as partnerships
5 as such term is used in such chapter, are eligible for opportunities to learn business ownership
6 and development skills through training programs offered under the Workforce Investment
7 Opportunity Act.

8 The Training Opportunities Program coordinated by the Department of Unemployment
9 Assistance shall approve competent providers to offer training in business ownership skills to
10 eligible unemployed workers.

11 Owners of Limited Liability Companies and independent contractors shall be permitted
12 to be eligible for training funds under the On-The-Job program.