

HOUSE No. 3294

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

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 support innovation and local investment in the green economy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/14/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>4/25/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>11/1/2021</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3294) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the innovation and local investment in the green economy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act to support innovation and local investment in the green economy.

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. Chapter 23J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 8 the following new section:-

3 Section 8B. There is hereby established and placed within the Center a program to
4 support public entities, municipalities and their residents in partnering with private entities to
5 develop, pilot, and deploy solutions to decarbonize communities, buildings, homes, businesses,
6 and vehicles. Said program shall provide resources that may include but are not limited to:

7 feasibility studies; consulting services; direct grants for pilot and demonstration projects;
8 technical assistance for energy planning; consumer engagement and education initiatives; and
9 direct financial support to municipalities or NGOs for local staffing to support these efforts.

10 Public interests to be advanced through this program may include but are not limited to the
11 following: (i) strategic clean energy planning (ii) vehicle fleet electrification for municipalities,
12 the MBTA, RTAs and public entities including school bus fleet electrification (iii) grid

13 modernization and resilience including microgrids and energy storage (iv) piloting and
14 deployment of EV charging infrastructure (v) building decarbonization transitions and (vi)
15 distributed energy resources. For the purposes of this program a preference shall be given for (a)
16 projects in Environmental Justice communities, Gateway Cities, Green Communities and MVP
17 Communities and (b) for piloting and deployment of innovative technologies by Massachusetts
18 based companies.

19 SECTION 2. Said chapter 23J, as so appearing, is hereby amended in Section 9 in line 55
20 after the word “region;” by striking out the word “and”;

21 and in line 57 by inserting after the word “projects” the following:-

22 “(vii) assisting the Commonwealth in achieving its greenhouse gas reduction targets; and
23 (viii) facilitating clean energy supply chain opportunities including but not limited to supply
24 chain activities related to offshore wind development.”;

25 and in line 89 after the word “1997;” by striking out the words “and”;

26 and in line 90 by inserting after the word “resources” the following:-

27 “(ix) advancing energy efficiency and electrification in new and existing buildings; (x)
28 accelerating the adoption of clean transportation technologies; and (xi) the development of a
29 modern flexible grid to support increased electricity demand and increased distributed renewable
30 energy generation.”

31 SECTION 3. Section 20 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
32 amended in line 2 after the word “charge” by striking out the words “of 0.5” and inserting in

- 33 place thereof the following:- “14.65 mill per therm for all natural gas customers and a mandatory
- 34 charge of 1.5”.