# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4778

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 2, 2024.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 755) of Natalie M. Blais and others for legislation to establish a department of energy transformation planning within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 873) of Steven Owens, Joanne M. Comerford and Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to carbon dioxide equivalents and factors that impact statewide greenhouse gas emissions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2038) of Simon Cataldo and Carmine Lawrence Gentile (by vote of the town) for legislation to prohibit the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure for new construction in the town of Concord; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3135) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joan Meschino relative to municipal ratepayers, low-income ratepayers, community solar ratepayers, and owners of small-scale solar projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3136) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and others for legislation to promote solar panel installations on school property; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3137) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and others relative to intervenors and utility work; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3138) of Christine P. Barber, Mike Connolly and Erika Uyterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a net zero standard for newly constructed buildings and major renovation projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3139) of Christine P. Barber, Joan Meschino and others relative to setting deadlines to electrify school buses and public fleets and establishing programs to encourage private fleet electrification; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3140) of John Barrett, III and Smitty Pignatelli relative to liens upon real estate for nonpayment by municipal lighting plants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3141) of John Barrett, III, Michelle M. DuBois and Smitty Pignatelli relative to municipal access to utility poles located in municipal rights-of-

way; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3143) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to protecting consumers from unreasonable utility rate increases; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3146) of Nicholas A. Boldyga for legislation to further define miniature beverage containers under the "bottle bill", so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3147) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to offshore wind energy generation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3149) of Daniel Cahill for legislation to establish fossil-free fuels pilot programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3150) of Simon Cataldo and others relative to clean energy, equity, and innovation within municipal utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3151) of Simon Cataldo and Danillo A. Sena relative to the definition of net-zero buildings and establishing a pathway to net zero for residential and commercial new construction and major renovations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3152) of Tackey Chan and others relative to the use of double utility poles of distribution or telephone companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3153) of Tackey Chan and Peter Capano for legislation to increase fines levied against utility companies for failing to meet service quality standards; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3156) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Michelle M. DuBois relative to authorizing municipalities to relocate certain utility poles, wires or attachments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3157) of Michelle L. Ciccolo, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Brian W. Murray for legislation to restore the clean environmental fund using revenue from unclaimed bottle deposits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3158) of Michelle L. Ciccolo that the Department of Public Utilities establish a municipal utility corridor public access program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3160) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others that the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center govern and oversee the Mass Save program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3162) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to authorize cities and towns to borrow from the Commonwealth without interest for green energy programs for such municipalities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3163) of William C. Galvin and Carol A. Doherty for legislation to provide access to fuel for private and emergency vehicles during emergencies; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3165) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to regulate new construction or major renovation projects that do not qualify as fossil fuel-free buildings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3168) of

Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to the placement of new overhead transmission lines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3169) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others for legislation to prohibit companies from charging ratepayers for the construction or expansion of interstate gas infrastructure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3171) of Natalie M. Higgins, Michael P. Kushmerek and others relative to establishing the gateway cities renewable, efficient, and electrified neighborhoods initiative; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3172) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to require notification to owners of real estate in areas scheduled for certain public utility construction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3173) of Vanna Howard relative to ensuring natural gas safety and consumer fairness; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3174) of Steven S. Howitt relative to towing rates for commercially registered vehicle not requiring a CDL license; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3175) of Steven S. Howitt relative to regulating the location of fossil fuel transmission pipelines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3176) of Steven S. Howitt relative to redefining the term natural gas compressor station; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3179) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to internet service provider data; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3181) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study gasoline-focused sales-below-cost; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3182) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to promoting zero-emission vehicles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3183) of Kay Khan, Jay D. Livingstone and Mike Connolly relative to the electrification of new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated buildings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3184) of Michael P. Kushmerek and Margaret R. Scarsdale relative to municipal lighting plants of purchasing municipalities or cooperatives; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3185) of John J. Lawn, Jr. and Vanna Howard relative to alternate gas meter replacement plans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3186) of Jack Patrick Lewis, Joan Meschino and others for legislation to include miniatures, so-called, in the bottle deposit law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3188) of John J. Mahoney relative to Class I renewable energy generating sources; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3189) of Joseph D. McKenna and others for legislation to further define miniature beverage containers under the "bottle bill", so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3190) of Paul McMurtry and David F.

DeCoste relative to large-scale solar energy installations on agricultural or recreational land of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3191) of Joan Meschino relative to advanced natural gas leak repair technology and renewable thermal energy infrastructure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3192) of Joan Meschino and others relative to building energy and decarbonization; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3193) of Rady Mom relative to aggregated gas power; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3194) of Frank A. Moran, Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the use of contractors for repairing or performing work on public utility infrastructure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3195) of Frank A. Moran and Estela A. Reyes relative to uniform natural gas leaks classification for gas companies and field safety in gas infrastructure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3198) of David K. Muradian, Jr., relative to directory assistance charges for handicapped or elderly persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3200) of James M. Murphy relative to executive agency liability in the construction of, or events involving, natural gas pipelines or natural gas compressor stations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3201) of James M. Murphy relative to ensuring ratepayer and community representation in utility company regulatory proceedings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3203) of Steven Owens, Jennifer Balinsky Armini and others relative to the future of clean heat and establishing a thermal transition trust fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3204) of Steven Owens, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Patrick M. O'Connor relative to establishing off-peak electric vehicle charging rebates; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3206) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to extending Department Energy Resources' rebates for electric and zero-emission vehicles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3209) of Orlando Ramos, Jay D. Livingstone and Michelle M. DuBois relative to the location and classification of certain renewable energy generating sources in relation to their proximity to environmental justice communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3212) of David M. Rogers relative to advancing delivered fuel energy efficiency surcharges; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3221) of Daniel J. Ryan and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to authorize the Department of Energy to investigate household energy costs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3222) of Daniel J. Ryan and Michelle M. DuBois relative to improving gas safety in excavation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3223) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, John

Barrett, III and Bud L. Williams relative to fair and stable utility pricing; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3224) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to require new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated buildings to use electricity for all building energy needs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3225) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Sean Garballey and others for legislation to encourage solar energy development on buildings and disturbed land; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3226) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Paul W. Mark and David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to eligibility for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3227) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Samantha Montaño and Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to expanding access to the fossil fuel free demonstration project; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3228) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to Mass Save reporting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3229) of Aaron L. Saunders and Marcus S. Vaughn relative to prohibiting public utility and ratepayer funding of clearcutting forests and woodlands; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3230) of Aaron L. Saunders, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Michael P. Kushmerek relative to zoning ordinances for the regulation of the installation of solar energy systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3231) of Erika Uyterhoeven, David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and James B. Eldridge relative to transitioning to 100 percent renewable electricity and net zero carbon emissions across all sectors of the Commonwealth by the year 2030; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3232) of Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to establish a zero carbon renovation fund to provide for the costs associated with energy efficiency renovations of certain existing buildings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3233) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to providing for a study of the potential environmental impact of the installation and operation of offshore wind turbines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3234) of David T. Vieira for legislation to provide compensation to certain citizens, businesses, and municipalities adversely affected by the operation of wind turbines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3235) of Tommy Vitolo and Kevin G. Honan for legislation to authorize cities and towns to impose a methane emissions surcharge and non-pipeline alternatives; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3236) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to the specialized stretch energy code; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3237) of Bud L. Williams, Adrianne Pusateri Ramos

and others relative to establishing a moratorium on new gas system expansion; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3238) of Bud L. Williams and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to establish a moratorium on new gas system expansion; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3673) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and others relative to access to electric vehicle charging stations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3675) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Christine P. Barber for legislation to establish a special commission on transportation finance for achieving net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3676) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others relative to the provisions of the bottle bill, so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3677) of Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to establishing solar neighborhoods; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3678) of Mike Connolly, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Rebecca L. Rausch relative to promoting the adoption of renewable energy for heating, cooling and hot water under the zoning law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3679) of Mike Connolly for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) to study and make actionable recommendations regarding public ownership of public utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3684) of Josh S. Cutler and others for legislation to include nip bottles and certain other containers in the bottle law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3685) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to ensuring solar energy access; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3687) of Michael S. Day that the Energy Facilities Siting Board consider requests of municipalities for reimbursement of application expenses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3689) of Marjorie C. Decker, Sean Garballey and others relative to transitioning to clean electricity, heating and transportation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3690) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to expand the bottle bill to include any drinkable liquid intended for human oral consumption; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3693) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., and others relative to achieving a green future with infrastructure and workforce investments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3694) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., and others relative to the clean heat standard; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3695) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to the locating of generation facilities within one mile of certain public areas and areas of critical environmental concern; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3696) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to clean energy resources; the

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3697) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to renewable energy production technologies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3700) of Dylan A. Fernandes relative private utility lines and poles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3701) of Jessica Ann Giannino and others relative to the prohibition of using plastics as fuel; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3797) of Paul K. Frost relative to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3798) of Paul K. Frost relative to electric vehicle charging and fueling; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3799) of Paul K. Frost relative to infrastructure for electric vehicles; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3800) of Sally P. Kerans and Joan B. Lovely relative to notice to abutter communities of applications to the Department of Public Utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3805) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others for legislation to establish a body politic and corporate to be known as the Massachusetts clean energy technology center; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3806) of Sally P. Kerans, Joan B. Lovely and Jennifer Balinsky Armini for legislation to further regulate the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company board of directors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3833) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to technical assistance for municipalities through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3846) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction projects in said city; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3850) of Tommy Vitolo and Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to adopt green zoning by-laws and regulations in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3860) of Christopher Richard Flanagan and James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to the cost burdens of certain incentives for statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3886) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to the cost of electric vehicle charging services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3950) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to establishing a residential property assessed clean energy (R-PACE) program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4007) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to establish a local option penalty on certain utility pole installation projects; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4032) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to the definition of

beverage under the "bottle bill", so-called, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4778) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JEFFREY N. ROY.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*House of Representatives,* July 02, 2024.

*Ordered,* That the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 755, 873, 2038, 3135, 3136, 3137, 3138, 3139, 3140, 3141, 3143, 3146, 3147, 3149, 3150, 3151, 3152, 3153, 3156, 3157, 3158, 3160, 3162, 3163, 3165, 3168, 3169, 3171, 3172, 3173, 3174, 3175, 3176, 3179, 3181, 3182, 3183, 3184, 3185, 3186, 3188, 3189, 3190, 3191, 3192, 3193, 3194, 3195, 3198, 3200, 3201, 3203, 3204, 3206, 3209, 3212, 3221, 3222, 3223, 3224, 3225, 3226, 3227, 3228, 3229, 3230, 3231, 3232, 3233, 3234, 3235, 3236, 3237, 3238, 3673, 3675, 3676, 3677, 3678, 3679, 3684, 3685, 3687, 3689, 3690, 3693, 3694, 3695, 3696, 3697, 3700, 3701, 3797, 3798, 3799, 3800, 3805, 3806, 3833, 3846, 3850, 3860, 3886, 3950, 4007 and 4032, relative to municipalities, pipelines, solar and other related matters.

Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2024.