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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 31, 2024.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to grant a utility easement to the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth (Senate, No. 2894), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4962.

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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Text of an amendment, recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, to the Senate Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to grant a utility easement to the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth (Senate, No. 2894). July 31, 2024.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:-

- 1 (a) The city of New Bedford may grant an easement to the University of Massachusetts at
- 2 Dartmouth for the installation and maintenance of underground utilities under a portion of the
- 3 land owned by the city at Fort Taber park. The portion of the land over which an easement may
- 4 be granted and under which utilities are installed is shown on a plan of land, on file with the
- 5 University of Massachusetts Building Authority, entitled "Utility as Built Plan UMASS
- 6 DARTMOUTH SMAST ii, 760 S. RODNEY FRENCH BLVD DARTMOUTH, MA" prepared
- 7 for Bond Brothers by Brennan Consulting and dated March 9, 2018.
- 8 (b) As a condition for the granting of the easement and permitting the installation and
- 9 maintenance of underground utilities pursuant to subsection (a), the University of Massachusetts
- at Dartmouth shall restore the surface above the installed utilities, including all paths and other
- park infrastructure altered by the installation, and the land shall continue to be used for park
- 12 purposes.