

SENATE No. 514

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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 resolve:

Resolve for a climate change staffing study.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>5/11/2023</i>

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 514) of Edward J. Kennedy and Jack Patrick Lewis that provisions be made for an investigation and study relative to climate change staffing. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

Resolve for a climate change staffing study.

1 **Resolved**, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Office of
2 Climate Innovation and Resilience, the Department of Environmental Protection, and
3 representatives of the twelve Massachusetts regional planning agencies shall conduct a study to
4 determine the appropriate staffing levels and resources necessary to carry out climate change
5 response planning and strategy at the regional level. This study will have a particular focus on
6 ensuring that resources for these efforts are made available for both rural and urban communities
7 at appropriate levels.

8 The agencies shall file a report of their findings and recommendations with the clerks of
9 the house of representatives and the senate, the chairs of the house and senate committees on
10 ways and means, and the house and senate chairs of environment, natural resources, and
11 agriculture, not later than March 31, 2024.