

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4134**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marjorie C. Decker and Steven Owens*

*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 establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/8/2025</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/8/2025</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>5/28/2025</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/11/2025</i>

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By Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Owens of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4134) of Marjorie C. Decker and Steven Owens (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to establish an employment and job training trust. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust.

*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. There is hereby established a trust to be known as the City of Cambridge  
2           Employment and Job Training Trust (the “Trust”). The purpose of the Trust is to assist in the  
3           creation and maintenance of employment opportunities within the City of Cambridge for the  
4           residents of the City of Cambridge through employment and job training services.

5           SECTION 2. There is hereby established a board of trustees hereinafter referred to as the  
6           Board, which shall include no fewer than 5 and no more than 9 trustees, including ex officio the  
7           Cambridge City Manager or designee. Those members of the Board who are not serving in an ex  
8           officio capacity shall be appointed by the City Manager and are designated as public agents for  
9           purposes of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

10           SECTION 3. The powers of the Board, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of  
11           the purposes set forth in this act, shall include but not be limited to, the following:

12 (a) to receive and accept personal property, by gift, grant, devise or transfer from any  
13 federal, state or local governmental or other public entity, or any person, trust, corporation or  
14 other private entity, including without limitation funds or other personal property tendered to the  
15 Trust in connection with the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance or any other city ordinance;

16 (b) to retain personal property, including without limitation personal property that is  
17 uninvested and investments that yield no income or yield a high rate of income;

18 (c) to make grants for Trust purposes upon such terms as the Board deems advisable;

19 (d) to make loans for Trust purposes upon such terms of repayment or otherwise as the  
20 Board deems advisable and to extend the time for payment of any obligation of the Trust;

21 (e) to sell, exchange, or transfer personal property of the Trust for such consideration and  
22 upon such terms as the Board deems advisable;

23 (f) to execute, acknowledge and deliver assignments, transfers, pledges, contracts,  
24 promissory notes, releases and other instruments, sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or  
25 incidental to any transaction involving Trust assets in which the Board engages for the  
26 accomplishment of the purposes of the Trust;

27 (g) to employ advisors and agents, including without limitation accountants and  
28 appraisers, and to delegate to such persons or firms such ministerial or discretionary powers as  
29 the Board deems necessary;

30 (h) to pay reasonable compensation to all advisors and agents, and to apportion such  
31 compensation between income and principal as the Board deems advisable;

32 (i) to apportion receipts and charges between income and principal as the Board deems  
33 advisable;

34 (j) to exercise all powers and rights, including proxies and powers of attorney, necessary  
35 and proper in connection with the ownership of any securities held as part of Trust personal  
36 property; and

37 (k) to compromise, arbitrate, defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in  
38 favor of or against the Trust and to accept any personal property, either in total or partial  
39 satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this act, to  
40 continue to hold the same for such period of time as the Board may deem advisable.

41 (l) to exercise all other powers authorized by common law, statute, the Constitution, or  
42 other provisions of this act.

43 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all monies paid  
44 to the Trust by public or private contribution or in accordance with the Cambridge Zoning  
45 Ordinance or any other city ordinance shall be paid directly into the Trust, and such monies do  
46 not have to be appropriated or accepted and approved into the Trust. General revenues  
47 appropriated into the Trust become Trust property; and to be expended, these funds do not need  
48 to be further appropriated. All monies remaining in the Trust at the end of any fiscal year,  
49 whether or not expended by the Board within 1 year of the date they were appropriated into the  
50 Trust, remain Trust property.

51 SECTION 5. The Trust is a public employer and the members of the Board are public  
52 employees for purposes of Chapter 258 of the General Laws.

53 SECTION 6. The Trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and the trustees special  
54 municipal employees, for purposes of Chapter 268A of the General Laws.

55 SECTION 7. The Trust is a governmental body for purposes of Sections 18 to 25 of  
56 Chapter 30A of the General Laws.

57 SECTION 8. The Trust is exempt from Chapters 59 and 62 of the General Laws and from  
58 any other provisions concerning the payment of taxes based upon or measured by personal  
59 property or income imposed by the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof.

60 SECTION 9. The books and records of the Trust shall be audited annually by an  
61 independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices.

62 SECTION 10. The declaration of trust, which establishes and controls the Trust, as  
63 provided in this act, shall be filed in the office of the Cambridge City Clerk.

64 SECTION 11. The Trust is a board of the city for purposes of Chapter 30B and Section  
65 15A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws; provided, however, that agreements and conveyances  
66 between the Trust and agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, departments and public  
67 instrumentalities of the City shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 30B.

68 SECTION 12. (a) The City of Cambridge may, by ordinance, require the payment of an  
69 employment and job training linkage fee for certain projects. The ordinance shall specify the  
70 dollar amount of the linkage fee; the method by which it shall be increased from time to time;  
71 and the types of uses to which it shall apply.

72           SECTION 13. The Board shall at least annually, and additionally upon request of the City  
73   Manager, file a written report with the City Manager of its activities for the reporting year and an  
74   accounting of its receipts and expenditures.

75           SECTION 14. This act shall take effect upon its passage.