

HOUSE No. 5149

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 26, 2026.

The committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 888) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini relative to recreation on private tidelands; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 889) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini relative to boat wrap recycling; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 891) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to directing the Department of Fish and Game to study the feasibility of re-purposing the former Moon Island Sewage Treatment Plant for use as a fish and shellfish farm; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 892) of Bruce J. Ayers for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the long-term management and maintenance of certain harbor islands; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 894) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to community preservation funds for seawall repairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 896) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to Long and Moon Islands in Boston Harbor; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 905) of Tackey Chan for legislation to expand pleasure boat access to Boston Harbor; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 906) of Tackey Chan for legislation to require the dredging of the harbor area surrounding Houghs Neck in the city of Quincy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 907) of Tackey Chan relative to the lease of property used by non-profit yacht clubs and other non-profit organizations operating boating programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 908) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to food and beverage packaging waste; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 910) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to the release of black plastics into the environment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 911) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to deceptive or misleading claims regarding recyclability or compostability of certain products and containers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 912) of Michelle L. Ciccolo, Joanne M. Comerford and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the use of polystyrene containers and wares by certain food and retail

establishments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 913) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to fees for single use beverage containers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 914) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to fees for single use disposable food containers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 916) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others for legislation to reduce single-use plastics from the environment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 917) of Mike Connolly and David M. Rogers for legislation to reduce packaging waste; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 919) of Richard Maximus Strahan relative to certain aquatic life in coastal waters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 921) of Manny Cruz relative to concurrent jurisdiction on National Park Service properties; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 923) of Leigh Davis relative to expense reimbursements for Mass Wildlife board members; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 925) of Michael S. Day for legislation to increase access to recycling in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 927) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the economic consequences of climate change; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 928) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon relative to environmental and water testing requirements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 929) of David F. DeCoste for legislation to establish the board of registration of hazardous waste site cleanup professionals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 930) of David F. DeCoste relative to bow hunting for deer in Wompatuck State Park; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 933) of Mindy Domb relative to plastic bag reduction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 934) of Kate Donaghue for legislation to create wildlife and natural heritage mitigation funds within the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 935) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to decreasing the siting or expansion of toxics release inventory facilities within certain low income or minority populated neighborhoods; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 936) of Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to further regulate the building or expansion of solid waste disposal facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 940) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to repeal the law relative to the use of leghold traps for capturing furbearing animals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 941) of Paul K. Frost and others relative to authorizing the use of bow and arrows for Sunday hunting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 942) of William C. Galvin relative to the siting of refuse

facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 947) of Colleen M. Garry relative to communities being granted Brownsfields Assessment and Remediation Funds, notwithstanding the participation of the regional planning organization; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 948) of John R. Gaskey that there be a one-year moratorium on the extraction of minerals, sand and gravel from land for the purposes of commercial sale in Plymouth and Bristol Counties; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 949) of John R. Gaskey and Chris Thibeault for legislation to ensure safe drinking water for state funding eligibility; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 951) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, James B. Eldridge and James K. Hawkins for legislation to eliminate hydraulic fracturing in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to solid waste byproduct management and control; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 960) of Carlos González relative to requiring the sealing of containers transporting solid waste; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 963) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to further defining an environmental justice population; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 964) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to end-of-life management for electric and hybrid vehicle batteries; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 969) of Steven S. Howitt relative to illegally disposing of certain waste; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 970) of Steven S. Howitt relative to the installation of septic tank pipes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 973) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to subsurface systems for the disposal of domestic sewage; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 974) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to solar panel recycling; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 978) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to protect open space, historical resources, and community housing from coastal threats; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 979) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to a marine special activity license program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 980) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to establish a flood mitigation and preparedness program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 993) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to permit bow hunting on Sunday; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 994) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to regulating the application of fertilizer used in the town of Orleans; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 995) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Orleans be authorized to adopt a pesticide reduction

bylaw in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 998) of John J. Mahoney for legislation to further regulate toxic use reduction plans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1001) of John J. Marsi and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the creation of a fund to assist homeowners with crumbling foundations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1010) of David K. Muradian, Jr., relative to the promulgation of regulations by the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife within the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement for the use and possession of shotgun ammunition types for the purposes of hunting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1011) of David K. Muradian, Jr., for legislation to establish a wildland acquisition account from monies received from the sale of wildland conservation stamps; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1014) of Steven Owens, Danillo A. Sena and others for legislation to finance climate adaptation projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1015) of Steven Owens and Jacob R. Oliveira relative to producer responsibility for the collection, reuse and recycling of discarded electronic products; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1016) of Kelly W. Pease and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to hunting on Sunday; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1017) of Kelly W. Pease for legislation to provide antlerless deer permits for disabled veteran hunters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1019) of Edward R. Philips and others relative to the reduction of plastics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1025) of Sean Reid for legislation to regulate migratory game hunters near coastal dwellings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1026) of Sean Reid for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the impacts, specific to noise, that persons hunting migratory game birds from a water craft have within the coastal zones; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1027) of Sean Reid relative to environmental impact statements for zero- or near-zero emission rail infrastructure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1028) of David Allen Robertson relative to maximum containment levels for certain harmful compounds in drinking water; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1029) of David Allen Robertson relative to maximum containment levels for certain harmful compounds in drinking water; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1030) of David Allen Robertson for the allocation of a certain sum of money to the town of Tewksbury for sewer relief purposes from the Sewer Rate Relief Fund; the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 1032) of David M. Rogers and Tram T. Nguyen for legislation to establish environmental accountability in the fashion industry; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1034) of David M. Rogers relative to restricting distribution of single-use plastic straws; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1035) of David M. Rogers relative to the sale of single-use beverage containers and the minimum content standard for plastic beverage containers, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5149) ought to be adopted [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissents].

For the committee,

CHRISTINE P. BARBER.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Environment and Natural Resources be authorized to sit
2 during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents
3 numbered 888, 889, 891, 892, 894, 896, 905, 906, 907, 908, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 916, 917,
4 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 928, 929, 930, 933, 934, 935, 936, 940, 941, 942, 947, 948, 949, 951,
5 955, 960, 963, 964, 969, 970, 973, 974, 978, 979, 980, 993, 994, 995, 998, 1001, 1010, 1011,
6 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1019, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1032, 1034 and 1035,
7 relative to plastics, Boston Harbor islands and other related matters.

8 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
9 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
10 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
11 on or before December 31, 2026.