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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth P. Sweezey

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 to study raising the Chapter 70 inflation cap.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Kenneth P. Sweezey	*6th Plymouth*	*1/17/2025*
Marcus S. Vaughn	*9th Norfolk*	*2/26/2025*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*2/26/2025*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*3/31/2025*
John J. Marsi	*6th Worcester*	*5/13/2025*
Steven George Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*7/2/2025*

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By Representative Sweezey of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 714) of Kenneth P. Sweezey, Marcus S. Vaughn and Colleen M. Garry for legislation to study the fiscal, economic, and educational impact of raising the foundation budget inflation cap. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act to study raising the Chapter 70 inflation cap.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be a special task force to review and report on the fiscal, economic, and educational impact of raising the foundation budget inflation cap. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the consequences of the current inflation cap on school districts, (ii) which school districts are most negatively impacted by the 4.5% cap, (iii) layoffs or budget cuts that have occurred as a result of the cap, and (iv) the total financial impact to the Commonwealth of raising the cap to different levels.

SECTION 2. The task force shall consist of: the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the chairs of the joint committee on education, or their designees; the secretary of administration and finance, or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents; the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools; 1 member appointed by the president of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member appointed by the

speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; and 6 members appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall be superintendents of public school districts.

SECTION 3. No later than one year after enactment, the task force shall submit a report on its findings to the house and senate clerks, house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on education.