

SENATE No. 2774

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, December 4, 2025.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2234) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to align state electric vehicle charger reliability regulations with the national electric vehicle infrastructure program; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2236) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to delivery network companies; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2237) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to define clean energy storage; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2238) of Joanne M. Comerford, Steven George Xiarhos, John C. Velis and Adam Gomez for legislation to protect consumers from unreasonable utility rate increases; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2241) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to promote access to zero-emission school buses; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2248) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to city council or select board consent in gas utility work; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2251) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to a just transition to clean energy in transportation fuel; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2252) of Brendan P. Crighton, Hannah Kane, Adam Gomez, John C. Velis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2253) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to reduce congestion and encourage shared rides; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2254) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to permit of electric vehicle charging stations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2256) of Brendan P. Crighton and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish the GREEN initiative to retrofit existing low-income and moderate-income housing in qualifying municipalities to be highly energy efficient; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2257) of John J. Cronin relative to the establishment of municipal lighting authorities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2259) of John J. Cronin for legislation to protect transportation network driver data privacy and integrity; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2261) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., Joanne M. Comerford and Manny Cruz relative to achieving a green future with infrastructure and workforce investments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2263) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. for legislation relative to the clean heat standard and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2265) of Peter J. Durant and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation

relative to extending customer service hours for ride share companies; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2266) of Lydia Edwards for legislation relative to the electrification of new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated building; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2267) of James B. Eldridge that provisions be made to conduct a review of the policies and procedures related to rooftop solar energy systems; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2268) of James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to alternative portfolio standards; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2271) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to natural gas shut-off valves, gate boxes and public safety; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2272) of Paul R. Feeney, Paul W. Mark and Vanna Howard for legislation to ensure safety and transparency in pipeline repair; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2273) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to reduce administrative burden for government and industry; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2274) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to solar energy grants at posts of veterans' organizations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2276) of Paul R. Feeney, Michael D. Brady, Patricia D. Jehlen, John F. Keenan and other members of the Senate for legislation to require each company engaged in the sale or distribution of gas as part of performance-based ratemaking to submit a clean energy transition plan; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2277) of Paul R. Feeney, Hannah Kane, Adam Gomez, John C. Velis and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow municipal light plants to provide services to any municipal or state utility, tribal utility or any other publicly-owned or operated utility, whether located inside or outside of the Commonwealth; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2278) of Paul R. Feeney relative to clean fuel standards; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2279) of Dylan A. Fernandes and John F. Keenan for legislation to support climate progress through sustainably developed offshore wind; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2280) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish a body politic and corporate to be known as the Massachusetts clean energy technology center; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2286) of Adam Gomez, James K. Hawkins, Jacob R. Oliveira, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a zero carbon renovation fund; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2291) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to protect ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2293) of Edward J. Kennedy and Rodney M. Elliott for legislation to promote energy and economic resilience through clean energy education and job pathway programs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2295) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to reform the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company board of directors; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2297) of Paul W. Mark and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation relative to fair and stable utility pricing; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2298) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to establish standards for cost disclosure at public electric vehicle charging stations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2299) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to establish an energy efficiency authority, and a green jobs program and loan fund; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2300) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to provide for natural gas workforce safety; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2301) of Paul W. Mark, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Natalie M. Blais, Joanne M. Comerford and others for legislation relative to investor-owned utilities and expedited approval

processes ensuring timely access to funds for energy efficiency and conservation programs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2303) of Liz Miranda, Steven Owens and Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to ensure that the benefits of transitioning to clean energy sources are distributed fairly across all communities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2304) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to strengthen offshore wind regulations; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2305) of Mark C. Montigny, Patrick M. O'Connor, Mark D. Sylvia, Michelle L. Badger and other members of the General Court that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the high cost of electricity delivery; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2306) of Michael O. Moore, Ryan C. Fattman and Estela A. Reyes for legislation relative to utility meters and the rights of utility ratepayers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2307) of Michael O. Moore, Brian W. Murray, James K. Hawkins, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to transparency in private utility construction contracts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2309) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Bradley H. Jones, Jr. for legislation relative to solar-powered mobility networks; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2310) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to the impact of natural gas transfer facilities on public health; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2311) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Steven George Xiarhos, Patricia D. Jehlen and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to modernize competitive energy supply; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2312) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to air monitoring stations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2313) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to require public and investor-owned utility companies intending to dispose of real property to notify and offer right of first refusal to the municipality in which the real property is located; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2314) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation relative to the maximum storage charges on motor vehicles involuntarily towed; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2316) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a resilient electric vehicle charging system pilot program and river restoration fund and veterans and emergency responders' fund; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2317) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation relative to distribution company payments of energy credits to a customers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2319) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to reduce gas leaks; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2320) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to conduct an assessment of the infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2321) of Bruce E. Tarr and Rodney M. Elliott for legislation relative to renewable energy production technologies; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2322) of Bruce E. Tarr and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to ensure adequate and affordable energy; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2323) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to custom vehicle emissions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2324) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to reduce emissions; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2326) of John C. Velis, Adam Gomez and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to certain exemptions to the vehicle emissions standards, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2774).

For the committee,
Michael J. Barrett

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be authorized
2 and directed to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered
3 2234, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2241, 2248, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2256, 2257, 2259, 2261, 2263,
4 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2286, 2291,
5 2293, 2295, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2309, 2310, 2311,
6 2312, 2313, 2314, 2316, 2317, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, and 2326 relative to
7 telecommunications, utilities and energy matters.