

SENATE No. 3262

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kelly A. Dooner and Justin Thurber

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 authorizing the town of Dighton to impose community impact linkage fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kelly A. Dooner</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Justin Thurber</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>8/13/2026</i>

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By Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Thurber of Somerset, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3262) of Kelly A. Dooner and Justin Thurber (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Dighton to impose community impact linkage fees. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Dighton to impose community impact linkage fees.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of
2 Dighton may, by bylaw, impose a community impact linkage fee as a condition of approval of
3 certain developments. The community impact linkage fee shall only be imposed on the
4 construction, enlargement, substantial rehabilitation or change of use of non-residential and
5 residential projects which exceed a threshold which shall be established according to such bylaw.
6 The community impact linkage fee shall be used for the purpose of defraying the cost of capital
7 improvements, equipment and services provided by the town and necessary to support future
8 development, such as, but not limited to, the following: school facilities; other town buildings
9 and facilities; roads, sidewalks, sewers, water supply lines and related infrastructure; affordable
10 housing; child care facilities; job training facilities; public safety service and facilities; public
11 safety vehicles and equipment; and parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities.

12 Section 2. The community impact linkage fee bylaw shall specify the dollar amount or
13 method of calculating community impact linkage fees, the method by which they may be
14 increased from time to time, and the types of projects to which they shall apply. Prior to adoption
15 of such bylaw, the town shall conduct a nexus study to demonstrate the relationship between the
16 impact of the types of projects to be subject to such bylaw and the spending purposes of the fees.
17 Such community impact linkage fees as are authorized under said bylaw shall be set in
18 accordance with a methodology consistent with the findings of such study.

19 Section 3. The town may create a separate and distinct revolving fund into which
20 community impact linkage fees shall be paid, and no such fee shall be paid to the town's general
21 treasury or used as general revenues subject to section 54 of chapter 44 of the General Laws. The
22 monies held in the revolving fund account shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen for
23 the purposes of this act.

24 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.