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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Dylan A. Fernandes***

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*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 establish a blue economy workforce pipeline.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Dylan A. Fernandes*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Barnstable*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 534 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to establish a blue economy workforce pipeline.

*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. Chapter 16 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding, after section  
2 21, the following section:-

3 Section 21A. The department shall update state waste system plans to reflect and  
4 incorporate the following: the transition to a circular economy is a priority for the  
5 Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Circular economy is defined as an economy that keeps  
6 material, products, and services in circulation for as long as possible.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding, after section  
8 67, the following section:-

9 Section 68. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection shall create a  
10 circular economy education and outreach program. This education and outreach program shall:

11 inform the public about what the circular economy is; inform the public on how they can  
12 participate in the transition to a circular economy; inform Massachusetts businesses of the nature  
13 of the circular economy; inform Massachusetts businesses on how to participate in the transition  
14 to a circular economy.