

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No.	H2389
Title:	<i>An Act relative to protecting public health and reducing health care costs</i>
Sponsor:	Representative Marjorie C. Decker
Committee:	Public Health
Hearing Date:	June 25, 2025
Similar Matters:	S622 (Energy and Natural Resources)
Prior History:	Refile of H3622 of 2023-2024; Referred to Committee on Public Health; Accompanied by S515; Favorable; Referred to Committee on Health Care Finance; Study
Reporting Deadline:	August 24, 2025
Current Law:	None

Summary:

SECTION 1 of the bill would add a new section 23A to chapter 111 of the General Laws

Subsection (a) of the proposed section would require the Department of Public Health (DPH) to create an assessment tool to quantify the health impacts and costs of emissions associated with grid electricity and delivered fuels, and the benefits of energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy. DPH would also have to separately assess the health impacts and costs of emissions to environmental justice populations, the MassHealth program, community hospitals, the state budget and public health generally. In creating the tool, subsection (a) requires DPH to draw on the expertise of the Center for Health Information and Analysis, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the MassHealth program, and the Division of Energy Resources as well as prior studies and assessment tools including the federal Clean Power Plan. The subsection specifies particular factors having an impact on health that should be studied and how these factors will affect specified measures of health status.

Subsection (b) of proposed section 23A would require that the assessment tool be updated every three years and employed in analyzing any state policy, regulation or program affecting polluting emissions.

SECTION 2 would require DPH to submit the assessment tool and explanatory materials on its use to the Clerks of the Senate and the House, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health

and Human Services, and the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs within 12 months of the effective date of the act.