

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1729**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 relative to hydrokinetic energy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1729) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to green energy generation. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2853 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to hydrokinetic energy.

*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. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting in line 30 after the words “a Class I net metering facility that is not an agricultural net  
3 metering facility or that is not using solar” the words:- “, hydrokinetic,”

4           SECTION 2. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
5 inserting in line 48 after the words “solar net metering facility,” the words:- “hydrokinetic net  
6 metering facility,”

7           SECTION 3. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
8 inserting in line 67 after the words “solar net metering facility,” the words:- “hydrokinetic net  
9 metering facility,”

10 SECTION 4. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
11 inserting the following new paragraph:-

12 “Hydrokinetic net metering facility,” a facility for the production of electrical energy that  
13 uses: (a) waves, tides, and currents in oceans, estuaries, and tidal areas; (b) free-flowing water in  
14 rivers, lakes, and streams; (c) free-flowing water in man-made channels; or (d) differentials in  
15 ocean temperature, called ocean thermal energy conversion to generate electricity and is  
16 interconnected to a distribution company.