

HOUSE No. 2922

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost

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 special joint committee to study the Olympic Games in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2922) of Paul K. Frost and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the Olympic Games in the Commonwealth. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to establish a special joint committee to study the Olympic Games in the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 RESOLVED that a special joint committee of the General Court, to consist of 3 members
2 of the House, 2 appointed by the Speaker and one appointed by the House Minority Leader, and
3 3 members of the Senate, 2 appointed by the Senate President and one by the Senate Minority
4 Leader, is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the
5 feasibility of bidding for and hosting the Summer Olympic Games in Boston and how such costs
6 and benefits impact the taxpayers and communities of the Commonwealth.

7 Said investigation and study shall include costs of the Commonwealth and costs to other
8 non-hosting communities as well as the benefits. Said investigation and study shall include, but
9 not be limited to, the prospects of working with other New England States and cities and towns
10 outside the Commonwealth and should seek input from all regions and communities of the
11 Commonwealth on costs, benefits and protecting transportation and other local and regional
12 funding so it is not diverted for any possible infrastructure needs to host an Olympic Games in

13 Boston. Said investigation and study would also seek input from the business community across
14 the Commonwealth, the travel and tourism industry, the restaurant and hospitality industry as
15 well as major sporting facilities in and outside Boston.

16 Said investigation and study shall seek input from the Boston 2024 Organizing
17 Committee or any other group or organization seeking to bring or research the feasibility of a
18 Boston Summer Olympic Games in 2024; however, the special committee of the General Court
19 shall still carry out its duties in the above mentioned ways and shall report its findings
20 independently from its own investigation and study.

21 Said special committee shall report the results of its investigation and study, and its
22 recommendations, if any, to the House and Senate Clerks, the House and Senate Ways and
23 Means Committees, the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, the Joint
24 Committee on Economic Development and the Joint Committee on Transportation on or before
25 the first Wednesday of December 2015.