

HOUSE No. 847

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen R. LaNatra

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>

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By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 847) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and others that the Department of Environmental Protection create a circular economy education and outreach program designed to keep material, products, and services in circulation. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

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 on what the
- 13 circular economy is; inform Massachusetts businesses on how to participate in the transition to a
- 14 circular economy.