

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1575**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding community access to energy efficiency programs and green jobs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Christopher G. Fallon</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1575) of Sal N. DiDomenico, William N. Brownsberger, James B. Eldridge, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to community access to energy efficiency programs and green jobs. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act regarding community access to energy efficiency programs and green jobs.

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

1 Chapter 25 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended in section 21 by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsections:-

3 (f) Energy Efficiency Program Reporting. In implementing its energy efficiency plan,  
4 each electric and natural gas distribution company program administrator and any entity that  
5 receives public subsidy and provides energy efficiency services shall, in consultation with the  
6 energy efficiency advisory council, as defined by section 22 of chapter 25 of the General Laws,  
7 and subject to the approval of the department of public utilities:

8 (1) Report the residential and commercial ratepayers and buildings that receive energy  
9 efficiency program benefits to the department of energy resources. The report shall specify  
10 aggregated data that includes the number of participants served per US Census Block Group;  
11 energy efficiency measures provided; program and participant dollars spent per measure; energy  
12 savings per measure; fuel type; conversion rate; and whether the residential participant is a renter  
13 or owner.

14 (2) Not later than January 1, 2014 and every January 1 and July 1 of each year thereafter,  
15 each electric and natural gas distribution company program administrator and any entity that  
16 receives public subsidy and provides energy efficiency services shall submit the data identified  
17 in section (f)(1) to the department of energy resources.

18 (g) Energy Efficiency Program Database. The department of energy resources shall  
19 establish and maintain a database to store and manage the data.

20 (h) Statewide Weatherization Goals. The department of energy resources will establish  
21 statewide goals to weatherize 100 per cent of residential homes and 50 per cent of the businesses  
22 in Massachusetts by 2025 and establish benchmarks for equitable access to energy efficiency  
23 program benefits.

24 (1) The department of energy resources shall establish annual benchmarks for reaching  
25 the statewide goals and providing equitable access to historically harder-to-reach segments,  
26 including, but not limited to, residential rental properties, low and moderate-income homeowners  
27 and renters (those earning up to 120 per cent state median income), communities whose primary  
28 language is not English, and small commercial businesses, which may not be participating at  
29 rates commensurate with the funds that they are paying into the programs as ratepayers.

30 (i) Not later than January 1, 2014 and every January 1 of each year thereafter, the  
31 department of energy resources shall provide a report demonstrating whether energy efficiency  
32 programs are reaching ratepayers and buildings equitably, and progress towards reaching the  
33 statewide weatherization goals.

34 (ii) For purposes of this subsection, weatherize means: the practice of protecting a  
35 building and its interior from sunlight, precipitation, and wind, and of modifying a building to  
36 reduce energy consumption and optimize energy efficiency.

37 (iii) The department of energy resources shall promulgate regulations to implement the  
38 requirements of this legislation within twelve months following passage of this legislation.

39 (iv) Any entity receiving energy efficiency funds to employ people that will implement  
40 each electric and natural gas plan shall:

41 (A) Collect data on jobs created and demographic information about who is hired.

42 (B) Adopt targeted hiring goals.

43 (C) Require inclusion of responsible employer language in all state requests for proposals  
44 and contracts.

45 (D) The secretary of labor and workforce development and department of energy  
46 resources shall submit within 6 months after passage of this legislation, a report to the energy  
47 efficiency advisory council and department of public utilities, detailing the energy efficiency and  
48 green industry workforce development needs in the state. The report shall include recommended  
49 legislation to implement the proposed plan on a long-term basis.

50 (E) For purposes of this subsection, a responsible employer shall mean an employer that  
51 complies with all workplace laws and criminal offender record information requirements,  
52 provides fair wage and benefits levels, properly classifies workers, implements local and targeted  
53 hiring requirements, and abides by comprehensive safety and health plans.

54 (F) The Massachusetts department of energy resources and department of labor, with  
55 input from the Massachusetts clean energy center, shall adopt regulations to implement the  
56 requirements of this legislation within 12 months following passage of this legislation.