

SENATE No. 243

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James T. Welch

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Welch, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 243) of James T. Welch, Benjamin Swan, Aaron Vega and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to establish a special legislative commission on young professionals. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 199 OF 2013-2014.]

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

Resolve establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals.

1 Resolved, Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, there shall be a
2 special commission on young professionals established to examine how the Commonwealth can
3 better engage, involve and educate young professionals in decisions and policies that effect them
4 and the Commonwealth. The commission will examine best practices and policies to retain and
5 attract intellectual capital that will make Massachusetts a place where young professionals want
6 to live, work and play.

7 The commission shall consist of 16 members, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
8 Governor, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of housing and economic development or a designee,
9 1 of whom shall be the secretary of labor and workforce development or a designee, 1 of whom
10 shall be the secretary of education or a designee, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the President
11 of the Senate1 of which from the minority party, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of

12 the House of which from the minority party, 1 of whom shall be the President of the Greater
13 Lawrence Young Professionals Network or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the President of the
14 Young Professionals Society of Greater Springfield or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the
15 President of the Northampton Area Young Professionals or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the
16 Executive Director of the Cape Cod Young Professionals or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the
17 President of the Young Entrepreneurs of the North Shore or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the
18 President of the United Regional Young Professionals Organization or a designee.

19 When the commission sees fit by a majority vote they may add additional members to the
20 commission as recommended by the Governor.

21 The commission shall meet within 30 days of passage of this Act, and not less than
22 quarterly thereafter, and shall release final recommendations to the Governor's Office and House
23 and Senate Way and Means Committees no later than 18 months from the passage of this Act.