

HOUSE No. 3045

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Dwyer

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a special commission to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of type II noise barrier implementation plan.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathi-Anne Reinstein</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3045) of James J. Dwyer and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make an investigation and study relative to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the type II noise barrier implementation plan. Transportation.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Resolve establishing a special commission to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of type II noise barrier implementation plan.

1 Resolved,
2 There shall be a special commission to study and make recommendations to identify
3 opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of type II noise barrier implementation
4 plan.. The commission shall consist of 13 members: 3 of whom shall be appointed by the
5 speaker of the house; 2 of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader; 3 of whom
6 shall be appointed by the senate president; 2 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority
7 leader; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the metropolitan planning organization; 1 of whom shall
8 be appointed by the secretary of transportation and chief executive officer of the Massachusetts
9 Department of Transportation; and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the governor. The speaker
10 of the house and the senate president shall determine which 2 members of the commission shall
11 serve as co-chairpersons.

12 The commission shall identify opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness
13 of type II noise barrier implementation plan and make such other recommendations as the
14 commission deems appropriate, with the goal of expediting the type II noise barrier
15 implementation program, reducing costs to the state and enhancing the quality of life of the
16 public. The commission shall consider the type II noise barrier implementation program, the
17 qualifications required for a project to be placed on the type II priority list, and identifying
18 problem areas along routes 93 and route 95 for consideration of placement on the type II noise
19 barrier implementation plan priority list. The commission shall also seek to identify opportunities
20 to maximize revenues, such as federal grants and matching funds.

21 The commission may hold hearings and invite testimony from experts and the public.
22 The commission shall review and identify best practices learned from similar efforts in other
23 states.

24 Members of the commission shall be named and the commission shall commence its
25 work within 60 days of the effective date of this act. The commission shall report to the general
26 court the results of its investigation and study, and recommendations, if any, together with drafts
27 of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same with the
28 clerks of the senate and the house of representatives on or before January 15, 2014. The clerks
29 of the house and senate shall make the report available to the public through the internet.