

HOUSE No. 457

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Keiko M. Orrall

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 promote pollinator forage.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Sarah K. Peake</i> | <i>4th Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Mathew Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> |
| <i>Leonard Mirra</i> | <i>2nd Essex</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>John W. Scibak</i> | <i>2nd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i> | <i>8th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> |
| <i>Kate Hogan</i> | <i>3rd Middlesex</i> |

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| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i> | <i>24th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> |
| <i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i> | <i>10th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> |

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By Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 457) of Keiko M. Orrall and others for the establishment of a special task force (including members of the General Court) to promote pollinator forage. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to promote pollinator forage.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary there shall be a
2 special task force established to create a plant list of species, appropriate for Massachusetts,
3 which provides effective forage for pollinators and to submit recommendations on actions which
4 can be undertaken in the Commonwealth to promote the planting of such forage.

5 SECTION 2. The task force shall consist of 12 members: the Commissioner of the
6 Department of Agricultural Resources or their designee, who shall serve as chair, the
7 Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game or their designee, the Commissioner of the
8 Department of Conservation and Recreation or their designee, 2 members of the Senate, 1 of
9 whom shall be appointed by the Senate President and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
10 Minority Leader of the Senate, 2 members of the House of Representatives, 1 of whom shall be
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by
12 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and 5 members to be appointed by the

13 Governor, one of whom shall be from a County Bee Association, one of whom shall be from the
14 Massachusetts Beekeepers Association, one of whom shall be from the Massachusetts Nursery
15 and Landscape Association, one of whom shall be from the Massachusetts Invasive Plant
16 Advisory Group, and one of whom shall be credentialed as a Massachusetts Certified
17 Horticulturalist.

18 SECTION 3. Said task force shall submit their findings along with any recommendations
19 included but not limited to the plant list of species to the Governor, the Secretary of Energy and
20 Environmental Affairs, the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the Joint
21 Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture within 18 months of the
22 establishment of this task force. The task force shall dissolve upon completion of its duties and
23 obligations, unless the General Court, in advance of that date, extends its term for a set period or
24 indefinitely.