

**SENATE . . . . . No. 534**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Susan L. Moran***

*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:	
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>

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By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 534) of Susan L. Moran, Marc R. Pacheco, Mathew J. Muratore and James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish a blue economy workforce pipeline. Environment and Natural Resources.

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