

Create a Nuclear Weapons and Climate Commission

Resolve Providing for an Investigation and Study by a Special Commission Relative to the Existential Threats Posed by Nuclear Weapons and Climate Change to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

H.738 (Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa)

S.1488 (Sen. Jo Comerford)

We need a citizen's commission to advise on how best to protect the people of Massachusetts from nuclear weapons and climate change!



July 17, 2022, Campaigners outside the State House calling for a Citizens Commission in the last session. PHOTO: Molly Hamill

Protecting us from the existential threats of climate change and nuclear war will require unprecedented cooperation at the global level. And yet there are steps we can take now, even at the state level, to help move the world in the right direction.

Massachusetts is already a leader in terms of state level climate legislation. We can, and we must, take a lead in terms of addressing the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons.

Creating a Nuclear Weapons and Climate Commission is a vital first step towards looking at how the Commonwealth could lead the country in transitioning jobs, funding and infrastructure currently devoted to

nuclear weapons to instead focus on the green technologies needed to address the climate crisis.

House Resolve H.738 and Senate Resolve S.1488 would establish a Citizen's Commission—appointed by state officials with the help of Massachusetts Peace Action—for the purpose of researching how the Commonwealth can transition from nuclear weapons research and production to green technologies. The commission would conduct research and make recommendations to the legislature of the Commonwealth for their approval at a future date.

This important Bill would lay the groundwork for a safe and sustainable statewide conversion of the nuclear weapons industry to greener and more socially responsible products and send a powerful signal to the US government and the international community that it is time to get rid of nuclear weapons once and for all.

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