

By Ms. Fargo, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1656) of Susan C. Fargo and David P. Linsky that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the effectiveness and impact of the single-sales tax formula. Revenue.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPACT OF THE SINGLE-SALES TAX FORMULA.

1    *Resolved*, There shall be a 15 member special commission to  
2 study the use and effectiveness of the manufacturing and mutual  
3 fund corporation single-sales tax formulas, so-called. The com-  
4 mission shall consist of 4 members appointed by the president of  
5 the senate, including the chair of the senate committee on ways  
6 and means, the senate chair of the joint committee on taxation,  
7 and 1 member appointed by the leader minority party; 4 members  
8 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives,  
9 including the chair of the house committee on ways and means,  
10 the house chair of the joint committee on taxation, and 1 member  
11 appointed by the leader minority party; the secretary of adminis-  
12 tration and finance; the secretary of economic affairs; the com-  
13 missioner of the department of revenue; 1 representative  
14 appointed by the executive director of the Massachusetts Budget  
15 and Policy Center, 1 representative appointed by the executive  
16 director of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, 1 representa-  
17 tive appointed by the president of the Associated Industries of  
18 Massachusetts, and 1 representative appointed by the president of  
19 the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

20    The commission shall study the impact of the single-sales tax  
21 formulas on job growth, business expansion, state tax revenues,  
22 and the overall contribution of the single-sales tax formulas to the  
23 economic climate in the commonwealth, and recommend retaining  
24 the single-sales tax formula or recommend a new tax formula.

25 The commission shall include in its study an individual analysis of  
26 each corporation utilizing the single-sales tax formulas since the  
27 implementation of the single-sales tax formulas. The individual  
28 analysis shall include the annual employment level of the corpora-  
29 tion; the annual total of salaried workers employed by the corpo-  
30 ration; the annual total of hourly-wage workers employed the  
31 corporation; a year-by-year account of the corporation's property  
32 and assets in the commonwealth, including the valuation of the  
33 corporation's property and assets; a year-by-year account of the  
34 transfer of jobs or operations into and out of the commonwealth  
35 by the corporation; and a year-by-year account of the sale and pur-  
36 chase of assets in the commonwealth by the corporation.

37 The commission shall file its study, along with any legislation,  
38 with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives on or  
39 before November 1, 2005