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Previous Town Action

- In 2021, annual town meeting approved Article 31, Home Rule Legislation and Bylaw Amendment Regulation of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure
- The Article 31 home rule petition was filed as H.4117, an Act Authorizing the Town of Concord to Adopt and Enforce Local Regulations Restricting New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure in Certain Construction.
- On August 11, 2022, Governor Baker signed into law H.5060, “An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind” which encapsulated certain provisions from H.4117.
- Section 84(b) of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022 calls for the Department of Energy Resources to establish a “demonstration project in which cities and towns may...require new building construction or major renovation projects to be fossil fuel-free.”



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Article 1 will revise the home rule petition to align it with state law:

- Update proper references to the MA Department of Energy Resources
- Update definition of “On-Site Fossil Fuel Infrastructure”
- Expand the list of exempted organizations including research laboratories, hospitals, and scientific or medical research facilities



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