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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5243

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM PLAN FOR THE GREATER MYSTIC AREA."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
4 group to develop a plan relating to economic development and tourism
5 in the greater Mystic area. Such plan shall include, but need not be
6 limited to, an examination of (1) the potential federal, state or other
7 sources of funding for the restoration of any breakwater located in
8 Stonington Harbor, (2) transportation options to ease traffic congestion
9 and alleviate parking pressure, and (3) potential easements and
10 infrastructure improvements to enhance accessibility and coastal
11 resiliency. For the purposes of this subsection, "the greater Mystic area"
12 means the towns of Groton and Stonington.

13 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members: (1) The
14 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of
15 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
16 commerce, or their designees; (2) the state representatives and state
17 senators of the General Assembly representing the town of Groton, or
18 their designees; (3) the state representatives and state senators of the
19 General Assembly representing the town of Stonington, or their
20 designees; (4) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or
21 the secretary's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Economic and
22 Community Development, or the commissioner's designee; (6) the
23 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the
24 commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Transportation, or
25 the commissioner's designee; (8) the chief elected official of Groton, or
26 the official's designee; (9) the chief elected official of Stonington, or the
27 official's designee; (10) a representative of a regional economic
28 development organization; (11) a representative of a chamber of
29 commerce; (12) a representative of the Bureau of Aquaculture of the
30 Department of Agriculture; and (13) any individuals the chairpersons of
31 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
32 cognizance of matters relating to commerce deem relevant and
33 necessary to carry out the duties of the working group, including, but
34 not limited to, a representative of the local traffic authority of the town
35 of Groton and a representative of the local traffic authority of the town
36 of Stonington.

37 (c) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
39 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

40 (d) Not later than February 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a
41 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
44 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
45 that it submits such report or February 1, 2027, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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