

Justification and House 2020 as filed.

Justification for HB 2020

An Act Prioritizing E-Health Institute Funding for Computerized Physician Order Entry in Community Hospitals

The proposed legislation would address the unfunded mandate under Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2008, the cost containment legislation, by supporting community hospitals in need of assistance with CPOE implementation through prioritizing grants from the existing E-Health Institute Fund for such purposes. No new funding is required for this initiative. Community hospitals have tremendous infrastructure needs and less access to capital. Lower reimbursement rates and new requirements imposed by payers further increase the strain on community hospitals – and particularly in the current economy. In addition, other hospital systems either already have made significant investment and progress in these areas and/or have more access to funding sources going forward. CPOE is necessary for health care providers -- both to be able to provide quality health care, and function in the most efficient and cost effective manner. Community hospitals need assistance to be able to implement what has become a necessary part of operating in today's health care environment.

HOUSE No. 2020

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:
Daniel E. Bosley

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 passage of the accompanying bill:
An Act prioritizing e-health institute funding for computerized physician order entry in community hospitals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Daniel E. Bosley	1st Berkshire

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PRIORITIZING E-HEALTH INSTITUTE FUNDING FOR COMPUTERIZED PHYSICIAN ORDER ENTRY IN COMMUNITY HOSPITALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, the greater of \$5,000,000 or 30 per cent of the funds available to the e-health institute fund, as established in section 4 of chapter 305 of the Acts of 2008, shall be expended to provide grants for the implementation of computerized physician order entry systems in community hospitals.