



HB 2

ISRAEL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT

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Who Supports These Efforts?

Thirty-four states across the country have advanced policies that curb investment in and/or contracting with entities that engage in a boycott of Israel.

With the widespread bipartisan support of leaders from the Christian and Jewish communities of Alaska, we would become the **35th state**.



Why Does This Matter?

Israel is our ally.

From a legal perspective, this is no different from prioritizing veterans in the hiring process or minority-owned businesses in state contracting.

While this legislation therefore empowers Alaskans and allows them to best decide how their state dollars are spent, detractors of this legislation are not so inclined. In fact, their leaders have acknowledged openly and repeatedly that their sole aim is to destroy Israel.



How Will This Impact Alaska Financially?

The legislation in question is limited to prohibiting the state from engaging in contracts worth more than \$100,000 with potential contractors (with at least 10 employees) who are boycotting Israel or refuse to commit to not doing so for the duration of the contract.



First Amendment Rights

This legislation does not prohibit boycotts of Israel.

In fact, Palestine Legal, a leading voice in opposition to such anti-BDS laws, acknowledges that “none of the anti-boycott bills and laws take away your right to boycott for Palestinian rights or to advocate for such boycotts.”

This legislation is narrowly targeted at entities who have contracts with the state over a \$100,000 threshold.



Why Should I Support This?

Israel and Alaska enjoy an important and mutually beneficial relationship. This includes Israel related investments by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation along with Alaska's exports to Israel, which since 1996 total nearly \$62 million.

In addition, Alaska is a key site for US-Israel missile defense cooperation. The U.S. and Israel regularly test cooperative missile defense programs such as the Arrow-3 program at the Alaska Aerospace Pacific Spaceport Complex on Kodiak.

Those who bless Israel will be blessed! Numbers 24:9





Thank you!

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