

Anti-Israel Boycott; HB 2409

HB 2409 prohibits the State from entering into a contract with any individual or company engaged in a boycott of Israel. The definition of “boycott” includes the refusal to engage in commercial relations with persons and entities engaged in business with Israel and Israeli-controlled territories. The State must require written certification from all individuals and companies with which it enters into contracts for services, supplies, information technology, or construction that the individual or company is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. The bill prohibits the State from adopting a procurement, investment, or other policy that effectively requires or induces the boycott of the government of Israel or a person conducting business in Israel. The Secretary of Administration has the authority to waive application of this prohibition if the Secretary determines the prohibition is not practicable.