

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 729

By: Rosino of the Senate

and

7                                   **Echols, McBride, Lepak,**  
8                                   **Low (Dick), Caldwell**  
9                                   **(Trey), Cantrell, Hill,** and  
10                                   **Fetgatter** of the House

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12                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

13                   An Act relating to the Oklahoma-Israel Exchange  
14                   Commission; providing for legislative intent;  
15                   providing for membership; prescribing terms;  
16                   prescribing qualifications for certain members;  
17                   providing for filling of vacancies; providing for  
18                   removal of members; providing for frequency of  
19                   meetings; prescribing quorum requirement; providing  
20                   for creation of subcommittees; providing for  
21                   retention of records; providing for staff assistance;  
22                   imposing duties on Commission; requiring report;  
23                   requiring recommendations; authorizing receipt of  
24                   various revenues; providing for noncodification;  
                  providing for codification; and providing an  
                  effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
2 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

3 A. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma-Israel  
4 Exchange Commission foster cooperation between the people of Israel  
5 and the people of Oklahoma on projects of mutual benefit, including  
6 agriculture, industry, trade and commerce, energy research, and  
7 education and cultural differences.

8 B. The Oklahoma State Legislature supports the reestablishment  
9 of the Oklahoma-Israel Exchange Commission with the hope that this  
10 economic initiative can achieve the greatest possible benefit for  
11 the interest of the people of Israel and Oklahoma.

12 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 583 of Title 74, unless there is  
14 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. There is hereby reestablished the Oklahoma-Israel  
16 Exchange Commission, which shall be located in Jerusalem. The  
17 Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, to be appointed as  
18 follows:

19 1. Two persons to be appointed by the Governor;

20 2. Two persons to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
21 House of Representatives;

22 3. Two persons to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
23 the Oklahoma State Senate;

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1 4. A person to be appointed by the minority leader of the  
2 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

3 5. A person to be appointed by the minority leader of the  
4 Oklahoma State Senate; and

5 6. A person to be appointed by the Executive Director of the  
6 Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

7 B. The two members selected by the Governor, the Speaker of the  
8 Oklahoma House of Representatives, and President Pro Tempore of the  
9 Oklahoma State Senate, respectively, shall each be a representative  
10 of either:

11 1. An Oklahoma public institution of higher learning;

12 2. The Israeli-American community in Oklahoma who is interested  
13 in furthering trade between Oklahoma and Israel;

14 3. An Oklahoma industry engaged in or seeking to engage in  
15 trade with Israel; or

16 4. An Oklahoma business association, trade organization,  
17 economic development organization or chamber of commerce currently  
18 engaged in or interested in engaging in the furtherance of trade  
19 with Israel.

20 C. Legislative members shall serve for the two-year legislative  
21 session in which they are appointed to the Commission and shall  
22 remain members of the Legislature in order to retain membership on  
23 the Commission. Vacancies of legislative members during a term  
24 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment only

1 for the unexpired part of the term. The appointing authority for a  
2 legislative member may remove the member and substitute another  
3 appointee for the member at any time. Members may be reappointed.

4 D. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
5 appointment only for the unexpired part of the term.

6 E. The appointing authority for the member may remove the  
7 member and substitute another appointee for the member at any time.

8 F. The Commission shall hold meetings at least once each  
9 quarter. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair.

10 G. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute  
11 a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Commission.

12 H. The chair may appoint from among the Commission members  
13 subcommittees and subcommittee chairs.

14 I. The Commission shall keep records of all proceedings, which  
15 shall be public and open to inspection.

16 J. Staff assistance shall be provided by the Oklahoma House of  
17 Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

18 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 583.1 of Title 74, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The purpose of the Oklahoma-Israel Exchange Commission shall  
22 be to advance, promote, and encourage business and other mutually  
23 beneficial activities between Oklahoma and Israel, including:

24 1. Bilateral trade and investment;

- 1        2. Joint action on policy issues of mutual interest;
- 2        3. Business and academic exchanges;
- 3        4. Mutual economic support;
- 4        5. Mutual investment in the respective infrastructure; and
- 5        6. Other opportunities for mutual benefit and economic growth
- 6 as identified by the Commission.

7        B. The Commission shall report its findings, activities,  
8 results, and recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the  
9 Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of  
10 the Oklahoma State Senate within one (1) year of its initial meeting  
11 and by February 1 of each succeeding year for the activities of the  
12 preceding calendar year. The report shall be in writing and may  
13 include recommendations or proposed legislation as deemed  
14 appropriate by the Commission to effectuate its purposes.

15        C. The Oklahoma-Israel Exchange Commission shall be authorized  
16 to raise funds, through direct solicitation or other fundraising  
17 events, alone, or with other groups, and accept gifts, grants, and  
18 bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, governmental  
19 agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions, to  
20 carry out its purposes.

21        SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/09/2024 - DO PASS,  
24 As Amended and Coauthored.