

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB729 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Of the printed Bill  
 Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Mark McBride

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

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

By: Rosino of the Senate

and

7 McBride and Echols of the  
8 House

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10 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18       2. Two persons to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
19 House of Representatives;

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

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

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

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

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

9           1. An Oklahoma public institution of higher learning;

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

12           3. An Oklahoma industry engaged in or seeking to engage in  
13 trade with Israel; or

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

18           C. Legislative members shall serve for the two-year legislative  
19 session in which they are appointed to the Commission and shall  
20 remain members of the Legislature in order to retain membership on  
21 the Commission. Vacancies of legislative members during a term  
22 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment only  
23 for the unexpired part of the term. The appointing authority for a  
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1 legislative member may remove the member and substitute another  
2 appointee for the member at any time. Members may be reappointed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 23 1. Bilateral trade and investment;
- 24 2. Joint action on policy issues of mutual interest;

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

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

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

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

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