

Senate Concurrent Resolution 25

Sponsored by Senators BOQUIST, DEVLIN, KNOPP; Senators BEYER, BURDICK, FERRIOLI, GIROD, RILEY, ROBLAN, STEINER HAYWARD, THOMSEN, Representatives GREENLICK, PARRISH, WILSON (at the request of Jewish Federation of Greater Portland)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Condemns Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement and reaffirms right of Israelis and Palestinians to live safely and free from fear and violence. Rejects actions by BDS movement that undermine efforts to achieve negotiated two-state solution that upholds rights of Israelis and Palestinians to national self-determination.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the residents of the State of Oregon have a strong interest in standing against bigotry,
3 discrimination and injustice; and

4 Whereas the State of Israel and the United States are allies sharing a common bond rooted in
5 the values of freedom, democracy and equal rights; and

6 Whereas the State of Oregon and the State of Israel have a long history of friendship based on
7 economic, cultural and academic collaboration and exchange; and

8 Whereas in 2015, Oregon exported \$219 million in goods to Israel and, in 2014, Israel exported
9 \$167 million in goods to Oregon; and

10 Whereas the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement is a global campaign whose
11 goal is to delegitimize the State of Israel by seeking to hijack social, political, religious, academic,
12 cultural and economic platforms to isolate the State of Israel within the international community;
13 and

14 Whereas the dramatic increase in BDS activism on college campuses across the country, in-
15 cluding at Portland State University, has contributed to an alarming rise in anti-Semitic actions,
16 including intimidation and marginalization of Jewish students; and

17 Whereas calls by the BDS movement for academic boycotts against Israeli academic institutions
18 have been condemned by many of our nation's largest academic associations, over 250 university
19 presidents and leading scholars as a violation of the bedrock principle of academic freedom; and

20 Whereas Oregon's elected representatives, who defend the inalienable right to free speech, rec-
21 ognize that one-sided punitive economic measures targeting the State of Israel do not contribute to
22 the creation of an atmosphere of economic cooperation and political reconciliation between Israelis
23 and Palestinians that is the necessary foundation for a lasting peace; and

24 Whereas Oregonians affirm that both Israelis and Palestinians have the right to live in their
25 own safe and secure states, free from fear and violence, and with mutual recognition, trade and
26 normalized relations with each other; now, therefore,

27 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

28 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, call upon the public insti-
29 tutions of this state to denounce hatred and discrimination whenever and wherever they occur; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 be it further

2 Resolved, That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, reaffirm our support
3 for the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security as the nation-state of the Jewish
4 people; and be it further

5 Resolved, That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, condemn the inter-
6 national BDS movement and any of its activities that contribute directly or indirectly to the
7 delegitimization of the State of Israel; and be it further

8 Resolved, That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, condemn any activ-
9 ities that contribute directly or indirectly to violations of the principle of academic freedom, in-
10 cluding but not limited to the promotion of academic boycotts by the BDS movement against Israeli
11 scholars and universities; and be it further

12 Resolved, That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, reject any actions
13 by the BDS movement that undermine efforts to achieve a negotiated two-state solution that would
14 uphold the rights of Israelis and Palestinians to national self-determination.

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