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**H.B. 188**  
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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. T. Hall and Synenberg

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The bill appropriates GRF funding of \$5.0 million in each fiscal year of the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium under the Department of Development's budget to support the activities of the 17-member Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership created by the bill.
- The purpose of the Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership would be to advance bilateral trade and investment between Ohio and Israel and other issues of mutual economic benefit to both.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill provides GRF funding of \$5.0 million in each fiscal year of the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium under new GRF appropriation line item (ALI) 1954A4, Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership, for the Department of Development (DEV) to support the newly created 17-member Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership and its work in fostering increased economic ties between Ohio and Israel.

The Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership created by the bill consists of 17 appointed members. Of the 17 members, six are members of the General Assembly (three from the Senate, three from the House), eight are appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, and three are ex officio members, specifically the Chancellor of Higher Education, Director of Development, and Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Partnership would not be compensated, but would be entitled to reimbursement for necessary and actual costs related to their duties.

The bill requires the Partnership to meet and hold hearings throughout the state on economic matters of mutual interest to Ohio and Israel. The bill also requires the Partnership to

submit a report of its activities to the Governor, Senate President, and House Speaker 15 months after the bill's effective date and annually thereafter.