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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Development

Primary Sponsors: Reps. T. Hall and Synenberg

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates the 17-member Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership to advance bilateral trade and investment between Ohio and Israel and other issues of mutual economic benefit. Members of the Partnership would be entitled to reimbursement for necessary and actual costs related to their duties.

Detailed Analysis

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. Under the bill, members of the Partnership would not be compensated, but would be entitled to reimbursement for necessary and actual costs related to their duties. Consequently, the state would bear some small cost to cover these reimbursements and other expenses incurred by the Partnership.

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.