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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state contracts; requiring that the vendor not engage in a boycott of
1.3 Israel; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. 16C.053] NO BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL.

1.6 (a) A contract for goods or services must require the vendor to certify that the vendor
1.7 is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a
1.8 boycott of Israel. This section applies to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and
1.9 to contracts entered into by entities in the legislative branch. This section does not apply to
1.10 contracts with a value of less than \$1,000.

1.11 (b) For purposes of this section, "boycott of Israel" means engaging in refusals to deal,
1.12 terminating business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations
1.13 with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories,
1.14 when such actions are taken:

1.15 (1) in compliance or adherence to calls for a boycott of Israel other than those boycotts
1.16 to which United States Code Appendix, title 50, section 2407(c), applies; or

1.17 (2) in a manner that in any way discriminates on the basis of nationality or national
1.18 origin and is not based on a valid business reason.

1.19 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2017, and applies to contracts
1.20 entered into on or after that date.