

BILL SUMMARY

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U.S.-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Regional Security Act (H.R. 1837)

The U.S.-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Regional Security Act (H.R. 1837)—authored by Reps. Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Joe Wilson (R-SC)—seeks to expand and deepen U.S.-Israel bilateral security and economic cooperation. This cooperation will help both nations respond effectively to security challenges and utilize their talents to flourish in times of peace.

Key Security Provisions:

- Authorizes increased security assistance to Israel, as called for in the 2016 U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding on security assistance (MOU).
- Authorizes the immediate transfer of military equipment to Israel upon a presidential determination that Israel is under an existing or imminent threat of military attack.
- Authorizes the transfer from reserve stocks of precision guided munitions to Israel.
- Authorizes a \$1 billion increase over five years for the U.S. War Reserve Stockpile in Israel.

Key Economic Provisions:

- Authorizes \$55 million for cooperative programs with Israel over five years, including:
 - \$12 million for the U.S-Israel Energy Center;
 - \$21 million for agricultural cooperation, including food and nutrition;
 - \$10 million for cooperative projects among the United States, Israel, and developing countries;
 - \$6 million for energy, water, homeland security, agriculture, and alternative fuel technologies; and
 - \$6 million for health technologies.
 - Expands existing cooperation in cyber, directed energy, industrial research, space, desalination, post-traumatic stress and food security.
 - Encourages creation of a coordinator for U.S.-Israel research and development.
 - Extends loan guarantees to Israel through 2025.
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