

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1947
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Impact:	No Direct Impact to State Budget

Research Analysis

HB 1947 prohibits a governmental entity from entering into a contract with a company for goods and services unless the contract contains a written verification that the company does not and will not engage in economic boycotts during the term of the contract. This prohibition only applies to contracts that are between a governmental entity and a company with ten or more employees and if that company will be paid \$100,000 or more from public funds during the term of the contract. If a company violates the written verification, it is obligated to pay damages to the state in an amount equal to three times what was paid to the company under the contract. The Attorney General is authorized to enforce this measure and to gather any information, data, or records for examination in the case of a violation.

Economic boycott, as defined in the measure, means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or taking commercial action intended to penalize, economically harm, limit relations, or limit activities of a company because they are engaged in fossil fuel-based energy, timber, mining, agriculture, firearms or ammunition industries or have business practices that do no:

- meet environmental standards to eliminate, reduce, offset, or disclose greenhouse gas emissions;
- meet corporate board or employment composition, compensation, or disclosure criteria that incorporates characteristics protected in this state; or
- facilitate access to abortion, sex or gender change, or transgender surgery.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1947 in its current form is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

