

House Study Bill 538 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON HOLT)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to antisemitism in the state of Iowa.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 the term adopted by the international holocaust remembrance
2 alliance on May 26, 2016, and includes the contemporary
3 examples of antisemitism identified by the international
4 holocaust remembrance alliance.

5 The bill shall not be construed to diminish or infringe upon
6 any right protected under the Constitution of the State of Iowa
7 or the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States
8 and shall not be construed to conflict with local, state, or
9 federal discrimination laws.

10 The bill requires the state, when reviewing, investigating,
11 or deciding whether there has been a violation of any law,
12 rule, or policy prohibiting discriminatory acts, to take into
13 consideration the definition of antisemitism set forth in the
14 bill for purposes of determining whether an alleged act was
15 motivated by discriminatory antisemitic intent. A court or
16 other relevant authority is instructed to use the same legal
17 standard used in other civil rights discrimination proceedings.

18 The bill provides that the definition of antisemitism
19 from the bill must be used when providing discrimination and
20 anti-bias training to state personnel.