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SENATE BILL 22-134

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO THE COLORADO STATE**
102 **FAIR AUTHORITY CASH FUND TO PARTLY FUND THE**
103 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 COLORADO STATE FAIR MASTER**
104 **PLAN, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
105 **APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the state treasurer to transfer \$14 million from the general fund to the Colorado state fair authority cash fund within 3 days

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

after the date the bill takes effect to partly fund the implementation of the 2021 Colorado state fair master plan.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) The Colorado state fair and fairgrounds are a vital community
5 asset for Pueblo and a cultural and historical asset for Colorado. Every
6 year, the Colorado state fair showcases diverse industries and hosts family
7 activities, fun-filled events, concerts, rodeos, and art, as well as
8 agricultural and industrial presentations that promote agriculture, mineral,
9 and livestock growth across Colorado.

10 (b) A historic asset to Colorado with a legacy in Pueblo spanning
11 over one hundred fifty years, the Colorado state fair fairgrounds are
12 currently facing many issues common to fairs across the country,
13 including aging facilities, limited funding, competing venues, operational
14 losses, and a backlog of building deficiencies. The Colorado state fair
15 authority board created a master plan that details the solutions to these
16 challenges.

17 (c) The Colorado state fair is a crucial economic driver for Pueblo
18 and southern Colorado, an affordable and accessible amenity for a diverse
19 population, and a cultural asset for all of Colorado. It is important that
20 Colorado, in conjunction with other contributing parties through gifts,
21 grants, or donations, make investments in the future of the Colorado state
22 fair.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-65-107, **amend**
24 (3)(a) introductory portion; and **add** (3)(a)(I.7) as follows:

25 **35-65-107. Colorado state fair authority cash fund - lease and**

1 **use of facilities - repeal.** (3) (a) The Colorado state fair authority cash
2 fund ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of:

3 (I.7) (A) FOUR MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH THE STATE TREASURER
4 SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COLORADO STATE
5 FAIR AUTHORITY CASH FUND CREATED IN THIS SECTION WITHIN THREE
6 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I.7)(A) TO
7 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 COLORADO
8 STATE FAIR MASTER PLAN.

9 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I.7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
10 2024.

11 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2021-22 state fiscal year,
12 \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the department of agriculture for use by the
13 Colorado state fair. This appropriation is from the Colorado state fair
14 authority cash fund created in section 35-65-107 (1), C.R.S. To
15 implement this act, the Colorado state fair may use this appropriation for
16 program costs. Any money appropriated in this section not expended prior
17 to July 1, 2022, is further appropriated to the fair for the 2022-23 state
18 fiscal year for the same purpose.

19 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.