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HOUSE BILL 22-1393

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(None),

House Committees

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATING THE DISPLACED AURARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR
102 THE DESCENDANTS OF AURARIANS DISPLACED BY THE
103 DEVELOPMENT OF THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.

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 creates the displaced Aurarian scholarship (scholarship) to fund scholarships to attend Metropolitan state university of Denver, the university of Colorado at Denver, or the community college of Denver for descendants of people displaced by the development of the Auraria higher education center.

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.

The bill appropriates \$2 million from the general fund to the department of higher education to be distributed to Metropolitan state university of Denver, the university of Colorado at Denver, and the community college of Denver for the scholarships.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-70-117 as
3 follows:

4 **23-70-117. Displaced Aurarian scholarship - created -**
5 **appropriation - legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) (a) THE
6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

7 (I) WHEN THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER WAS BUILT
8 IN THE 1970S, A WELL-ESTABLISHED, CLOSE-KNIT, LARGELY HISPANIC
9 COMMUNITY OF MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED HOUSEHOLDS WERE
10 DISPLACED;

11 (II) AS PART OF THE FORCED RELOCATION, THE RESIDENTS WERE
12 COMPENSATED FOR THEIR HOMES AND PROMISED FREE EDUCATION FOR
13 THE YEARS TO COME;

14 (III) THE DISPLACED AURARIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BEGAN
15 IN THE 1990S AND PROVIDED FUNDS FOR TUITION AND FEES FOR FORMER
16 RESIDENTS OF THE AURARIA NEIGHBORHOOD, THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR
17 GRANDCHILDREN; AND

18 (IV) AN EXPANSION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL ALLOW ALL LINEAL
19 DESCENDANTS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THE AURARIA NEIGHBORHOOD
20 FROM 1955 TO 1973 TO BE ELIGIBLE AND WILL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
21 UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS.

22 (b) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT THE
23 CREATION OF THE DISPLACED AURARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR DESCENDANTS

1 OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THE AURARIA NEIGHBORHOOD WILL MAKE
2 ATTENDING METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER, OR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF
4 DENVER MORE ACCESSIBLE. THE DISPLACED AURARIAN SCHOLARSHIP
5 REAFFIRMS THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND RESTORATIVE
6 JUSTICE BY SUPPORTING AND MAKING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
7 ACCESSIBLE TO THE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE DISPLACED BY THE AURARIA
8 HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.

9 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
10 REQUIRES:

11 (a) "AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER" OR "AURARIA CENTER"
12 MEANS THE MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION COMPLEX
13 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-70-101.

14 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
15 EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-114.

16 (c) "DISPLACED AURARIAN" MEANS A PERSON WHOSE FAMILY WAS
17 DISPLACED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AURARIA CENTER.

18 (d) "DISPLACED AURARIAN SCHOLARSHIP" OR "SCHOLARSHIP"
19 MEANS THE DISPLACED AURARIAN SCHOLARSHIP CREATED IN SUBSECTION
20 (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (3) (a) THERE IS CREATED THE DISPLACED AURARIAN
22 SCHOLARSHIP. THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP IS TO FULLY FUND THE
23 TUITION OF DESCENDANTS OF DISPLACED AURARIANS TO ATTEND
24 METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, THE UNIVERSITY OF
25 COLORADO AT DENVER, OR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER.

26 (b) TO THE EXTENT THAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE, METROPOLITAN
27 STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT

1 DENVER, AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER MUST SUPPLEMENT
2 AND SUPPORT THE INVESTMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR THE
3 SCHOLARSHIP.

4 (c) METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, THE
5 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER, AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
6 OF DENVER SHALL, IN COLLABORATION, ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR
7 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

8 (I) DEFINING "ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT"; AND

9 (II) DETERMINING THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO RECEIVE A
10 SCHOLARSHIP.

11 (4) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TWO MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
13 GENERAL FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO BE
14 ALLOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

15 (I) SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX
16 DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
17 METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER;

18 (II) SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX
19 DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SIX CENTS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
20 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER; AND

21 (III) SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX
22 DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY
23 COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
24 OF DENVER.

25 (b) METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, THE
26 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER, AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
27 OF DENVER SHALL EACH HOLD THE FUNDS IN TRUST OR TRANSFER THE

1 FUNDS TO THE INSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS, AND
2 SHALL ONLY USE THE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND
3 ANY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP. ANY INTEREST,
4 INCOME, AND PROFIT, IF ANY, MUST BE USED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

5 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.