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SENATE BILL 23-297

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE AMERICA 250 - COLORADO 150
102 COMMISSION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN
103 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 expands the America 250 - Colorado 150 commission (commission) from 11 to 15 voting members, adding 4 additional members to be appointed by the governor no later than October 1, 2023. The bill appropriates \$500,000 for the 2023-24 state fiscal year from the general fund to the department of higher education for use by the state

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historical society to support the activities of the commission. Any unexpended amount of the \$500,000 appropriation is further appropriated to the department of education for the same purpose through fiscal year 2026-27.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-80-215, **amend**
3 (3)(a) introductory portion, (3)(a)(VI) introductory portion, (3)(a)(VI)(E),
4 (3)(a)(VI)(F), and (3)(b); and **add** (3)(a)(VI)(G) as follows:

5 **24-80-215. America 250 - Colorado 150 commission - creation**
6 **- powers and duties - report - definitions - repeal. (3) Membership**
7 **and appointments.** (a) The commission consists of ~~eleven~~ FIFTEEN
8 voting members as follows:

9 (VI) ~~Six~~ TEN members appointed by the governor, as follows:

10 (E) One member with experience in the study and documentation
11 of the history of Latino communities in Colorado; ~~and~~

12 (F) One member with experience in the study and documentation
13 of the history of Asian American communities in Colorado; AND

14 (G) FOUR MEMBERS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNOR, IN THE
15 GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION, TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND THE EXPERTISE OF
16 THE COMMISSION WITH REGARDS TO ITS DUTIES AS SET FORTH IN
17 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (b) The governor shall make appointments to the commission AS
19 SET FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS (3)(a)(VI)(A) TO (3)(a)(VI)(F) OF THIS
20 SECTION on or before September 1, 2022. THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE
21 APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION
22 (3)(a)(VI)(G) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023. In
23 making appointments, the governor shall attempt to ensure that the

1 members represent the geographic diversity of the state.

2 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year,
3 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use by
4 the state historical society. This appropriation is from the general fund.
5 To implement this act, the state historical society may use this
6 appropriation to support the activities of the America 250 - Colorado 150
7 commission as necessary to fulfill the commission's duties pursuant to
8 section 24-80-215 (4), C.R.S. Any money appropriated in this section not
9 expended prior to July 1, 2024, is further appropriated to the department
10 of higher education for the 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 state fiscal
11 years for the same purpose.

12 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.