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An Act

SENATE BILL 23-297

BY SENATOR(S) Zenzinger and Pelton R., Bridges, Coleman, Cutter, Exum, Gardner, Jaquez Lewis, Kirkmeyer, Liston, Marchman, Mullica, Pelton B., Priola, Roberts, Simpson, Smallwood, Sullivan;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) McLachlan and Catlin, Bacon, Lindsay, Lynch, Marshall, Michaelson Jenet, Story, Titone, McCluskie.

CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE AMERICA 250 - COLORADO 150 COMMISSION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

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

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

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

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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(Date and Time)

Jared S. Polis
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO