

CHAPTER 42

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 23-1141

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF HISTORY COLORADO TO DISPOSE OF THREE PROPERTIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF THE REAL PROPERTIES KNOWN AS THE MCFARLANE HOUSE IN CENTRAL CITY, THE PEARCE-MCALLISTER COTTAGE IN DENVER, AND THE PUEBLO MUSEUM SUPPORT CENTER IN PUEBLO.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(a) In 1976, the state historical society, also known as history Colorado, acquired property known as the McFarlane House in Central City, Colorado, when the property was gifted to history Colorado by the then-manager of the Central City Opera. The property has primarily been used by the Central City Opera, which has leased the building since it was gifted to history Colorado.

(b) In 1972, history Colorado acquired the Pearce-McAllister Cottage in Denver, Colorado. The facility was the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys for 30 years until 2018. The facility is challenging to maintain because it is currently vacant.

(c) In 1955, history Colorado acquired the Pueblo Museum Support Center in Pueblo, Colorado, which is a building adjacent to the state fairgrounds. The facility has been used for storage; however, artifacts that were at the facility have been moved to a storage facility in Denver for easier access by history Colorado staff.

(d) History Colorado has determined that these three properties no longer fit within its mission and that disposing of the properties would be in the best interests

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of the organization. The disposition of the properties also aligns with the goal of finding beneficial uses of unused or underutilized state properties and supports the goals of reducing the footprint of state government and responsible management of the state budget and state facilities.

SECTION 2. History Colorado authority to dispose of real property. (1) The state of Colorado, acting by and through the state historical society, also known as history Colorado, is authorized to dispose of real property located at the following locations:

(a) 217 Eureka Street, Central City, Colorado, 80427, lot 10, block 11, City of Central, State of Colorado;

(b) 1880 Gaylord Street, Denver, Colorado, 80206, lots 7-10 inclusive, block 5, Park Side Subdivision, City and County of Denver, State of Colorado; and

(c) 905 South Prairie Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado, 81005, lot 16, block 1, Sunset Park 1st Sunset Park Subdivision, City of Pueblo, State of Colorado.

(2) The capital development committee and the state controller must approve all agreements relating to the disposition of the real property described in subsection (1) of this section prior to closing.

(3) The proceeds of the disposition of the real property described in subsection (1) of this section must be credited to the state museum cash fund created in section 24-80-214, Colorado Revised Statutes, to be used in connection with the acquisition or construction of a consolidated collections care and storage facility or for controlled maintenance.

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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