

## CHAPTER 341

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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**SENATE BILL 00-170**

BY SENATORS Tanner, Blickensderfer, Chlouber, Dyer, Feeley, Hillman, Linkhart, Martinez, Musgrave, Nichol, Owen, Pascoe, Reeves, Rupert, and Weddig;  
also REPRESENTATIVES Johnson, Clarke, Gagliardi, Leyba, Plant, Spence, Spradley, Tapia, Tochtrop, and Vigil.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC DEARFIELD, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration - distribution of moneys.** (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) Historic Dearfield, the site of the first African American homesteading settlement in Colorado, is a testament to the challenges and successes of African Americans in the early 1900's; and

(b) As historic Dearfield has been included on the national register of historic places, it is in the interest of the people of the state to preserve the grounds and structures of historic Dearfield for the purpose of raising awareness of the historical significance of the site as an African American settlement in Colorado and to provide educational opportunities to residents of Colorado to expand their understanding of the history of the American west.

(2) The general assembly further finds and declares that:

(a) The black American west museum and heritage center has initiated the preservation of historic Dearfield and the establishment of historic Dearfield park; and

(b) It would be to the benefit and advantage of the people of the state for the general assembly to appropriate to the department of higher education a sum of money for allocation to the state historical society and distribution to the black American west museum and heritage center to be used solely for the purposes of

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preserving historic Dearfield and establishing historic Dearfield park.

(3) Any moneys appropriated to the department of higher education for the purpose of preserving historic Dearfield and establishing historic Dearfield park shall be allocated to the state historical society and distributed by the state historical society to the black American west museum and heritage center.

**SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustment in 2000 long bill.** (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of higher education, for allocation to the state historical society, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

(2) For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriations act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) The general fund appropriation to the capital construction fund outlined in section 3 (1) (f) is reduced by two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

(b) The capital construction fund exempt appropriation to the department of transportation, construction projects, is reduced by two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

**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, and safety.

Approved: June 1, 2000