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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMERICA 250 - COLORADO**
102 **150 COMMISSION.**

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 America 250 - Colorado 150 commission (commission) in History Colorado to develop programs and plan for the official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood. The commission is directed to develop and promote plans for activities between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026, including historical activities, publication

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of historical documents, public ceremonies, educational activities for Colorado youth, and other commemorative events, to be supported by comprehensive marketing and tourism campaigns. The commission is required to identify, celebrate, and build knowledge around the history of Black communities, Indigenous communities, communities of color, and women to ensure that the activities planned by the commission represent the geographic and demographic diversity of the state and to ensure that events are accessible to communities throughout the state on an equitable basis. The commission is also authorized to represent the state in official dealings with the United States semiquincentennial commission and the America250 foundation.

An advisory panel composed of regional representatives from the state's tourism districts is created to consult on regional activities celebrating the history and culture of regions across the state. The commission is authorized to establish additional subcommittees to assist the commission in the fulfillment of its duties.

History Colorado is required to annually report on the commission's activities as part of its "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act" reports. The commission is repealed effective June 30, 2027.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-80-215 as
3 follows:

4 **24-80-215. America 250 - Colorado 150 commission - creation**
5 **- powers and duties - report - definitions - repeal. (1) Definitions.** AS
6 USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE AMERICA 250 - COLORADO 150
8 COMMISSION CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

9 (b) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
10 HISTORY COLORADO.

11 (c) "HISTORY COLORADO" MEANS THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
12 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-80-201.

13 (2) **Commission created.** THE AMERICA 250 - COLORADO 150
14 COMMISSION IS CREATED IN HISTORY COLORADO TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS

1 AND PLAN FOR THE OFFICIAL OBSERVANCE ACROSS COLORADO OF THE
2 SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED
3 STATES, AS MARKED BY THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1776,
4 AND THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF COLORADO STATEHOOD.

5 (3) **Membership and appointments.** (a) THE COMMISSION
6 CONSISTS OF ELEVEN VOTING MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

7 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
8 DESIGNEE;

9 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE,
10 DESIGNATED BY THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL;

11 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE,
12 DESIGNATED BY THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL;

13 (IV) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
14 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-48.5-101 OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

15 (V) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION OR THE COMMISSIONER'S
16 DESIGNEE; AND

17 (VI) SIX MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS FOLLOWS:

18 (A) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE COLORADO PHILANTHROPIC
19 COMMUNITY;

20 (B) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE COLORADO BUSINESS
21 COMMUNITY;

22 (C) ONE MEMBER FROM A LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OR
23 MUSEUM;

24 (D) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE STUDY AND
25 DOCUMENTATION OF THE HISTORY OF BLACK COMMUNITIES IN COLORADO;

26 (E) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE STUDY AND
27 DOCUMENTATION OF THE HISTORY OF LATINO COMMUNITIES IN

1 COLORADO; AND

2 (F) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE STUDY AND
3 DOCUMENTATION OF THE HISTORY OF ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN
4 COLORADO.

5 (b) THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE
6 COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. IN MAKING
7 APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT THE
8 MEMBERS REPRESENT THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.

9 (c) EACH APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SERVES AT THE
10 PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR. THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE
11 DURATION OF THE COMMISSION'S EXISTENCE. IN THE EVENT OF A
12 VACANCY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER FOR THE
13 REMAINDER OF THE TERM. AN APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY IS
14 SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH FOR THE VACANT POSITION IN
15 THIS SUBSECTION (3).

16 (d) THE COMMISSION SHALL CHOOSE OFFICERS FROM AMONG ITS
17 MEMBERS, INCLUDING TWO CO-CHAIRS. ONE CO-CHAIR SHALL LEAD
18 EFFORTS RELATED TO THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE,
19 AND ONE CO-CHAIR SHALL LEAD EFFORTS RELATED TO THE
20 SESQUICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE.

21 (e) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SERVE WITHOUT
22 COMPENSATION; EXCEPT THAT EACH MEMBER WHO IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE
23 OF THE STATE IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND
24 NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE MEMBER'S
25 OFFICIAL DUTIES.

26 (f) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION MAY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY
27 IN COMMISSION MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BY

1 TELEPHONE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE. REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN
2 COMMISSION MEETINGS SHALL BE NOTED IN THE MEETING MINUTES.

3 (4) **Powers and duties.** (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

4 (I) DEVELOP AND PROMOTE PLANS FOR STATEWIDE RECOGNITION
5 OF THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE
6 UNITED STATES AND THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
7 COLORADO STATEHOOD BETWEEN JULY 1, 2025, AND DECEMBER 31, 2026,
8 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

9 (A) HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES;

10 (B) THE CREATION AND PUBLICATION OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS;

11 (C) COOPERATION WITH AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
12 PRESERVATION OR RESTORATION OF HISTORIC SITES, BUILDINGS, ART, AND
13 ARTIFACTS;

14 (D) EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLORADO YOUTH TO
15 UNDERSTAND THEIR HISTORIC ROOTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND
16 COLORADO;

17 (E) THE PROMOTION OF SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH THAT
18 ILLUMINATES THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN WEST AND COLORADO
19 WITHIN THE LARGER STORY OF THE UNITED STATES;

20 (F) THE ARRANGEMENT OF APPROPRIATE PUBLIC CEREMONIES;
21 AND

22 (G) COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS, SUPPORTED BY A COMPREHENSIVE
23 MARKETING AND TOURISM CAMPAIGN;

24 (II) IDENTIFY STATEWIDE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO
25 PROVIDE LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION,
26 COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS, AND HISTORICAL AND EDUCATIONAL
27 ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE

1 SUBSEQUENT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS AND THE ADVENT OF COLORADO
2 STATEHOOD AND THE SUBSEQUENT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS;

3 (III) COOPERATE WITH AND REPRESENT THE STATE IN OFFICIAL
4 DEALINGS WITH THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION
5 AND THE AMERICA250 FOUNDATION;

6 (IV) IDENTIFY, CELEBRATE, AND BUILD KNOWLEDGE AROUND THE
7 HISTORY OF BLACK COMMUNITIES, INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES,
8 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND WOMEN IN THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT
9 OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF COLORADO, INCLUDING THE
10 HISTORY THAT PRE-DATES THE FOUNDING OF BOTH NATION AND STATE;
11 AND

12 (V) ENSURE THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION REPRESENT
13 THE GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AND ARE,
14 TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ACCESSIBLE TO COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE
15 STATE ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS.

16 (b) IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES, THE COMMISSION MAY:

17 (I) COORDINATE AND ENGAGE IN SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL OR
18 SESQUICENTENNIAL INITIATIVES PROPOSED OR UNDERTAKEN BY ANY
19 PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC PERSON OR ENTITY; AND

20 (II) CONSULT WITH AND SEEK GUIDANCE, INFORMATION, AND
21 SUPPORT FROM STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE STATE, INCLUDING THROUGH
22 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
23 SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (5) **Advisory panel and subcommittees.** (a) (I) THE COMMISSION
25 SHALL ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY PANEL TO CONSULT WITH THE
26 COMMISSION ON REGIONAL ACTIVITIES CELEBRATING THE HISTORY AND
27 CULTURE OF REGIONS ACROSS THE STATE. THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE

1 COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE
2 COMMISSION ONE MEMBER TO THE ADVISORY PANEL FROM EACH OF THE
3 EIGHT TOURISM REGIONS OF THE STATE, AS DEFINED BY THE COLORADO
4 TOURISM OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-103. THE CO-CHAIRS OF
5 THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY PANEL
6 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022.

7 (II) THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT TO THE ADVISORY PANEL IS FOR
8 THE DURATION OF THE PANEL'S EXISTENCE. MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY
9 PANEL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE COMMISSION.
10 IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY, THE CO-CHAIRS SHALL APPOINT A NEW
11 MEMBER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM, SUBJECT TO THE
12 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VACANT POSITION SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION
13 (5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (III) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY PANEL SERVE WITHOUT
15 COMPENSATION BUT ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND
16 NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE MEMBERS'
17 DUTIES. MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY PANEL MAY PARTICIPATE IN
18 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PANEL REMOTELY, INCLUDING THROUGH
19 TELEPHONE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE. REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN ADVISORY
20 PANEL MEETINGS SHALL BE NOTED IN THE MEETING MINUTES.

21 (b) (I) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL
22 SUBCOMMITTEES TO HELP CARRY OUT THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES,
23 INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS ON A
24 REGIONAL OR THEMATIC BASIS.

25 (II) WHEN ESTABLISHING A SUBCOMMITTEE, THE COMMISSION
26 SHALL SET FORTH THE PURPOSE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ITS
27 MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND DURATION.

1 (III) THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT THE
2 MEMBERS OF A SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE
3 COMMISSION. THE CO-CHAIRS MAY APPOINT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT
4 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO SERVE ON A SUBCOMMITTEE. MEMBERS
5 OF A SUBCOMMITTEE SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S
6 EXISTENCE.

7 (IV) MEMBERS OF A SUBCOMMITTEE SERVE WITHOUT
8 COMPENSATION, BUT ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND
9 NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE MEMBERS'
10 DUTIES. MEMBERS OF A SUBCOMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS
11 AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE REMOTELY, INCLUDING THROUGH
12 TELEPHONE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE. REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN
13 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS SHALL BE NOTED IN THE MEETING MINUTES.

14 (6) **Meetings.** THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING
15 ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND SHALL MEET THEREAFTER UPON
16 THE CALL OF EITHER OF THE CO-CHAIRS.

17 (7) **Staff support.** UPON REQUEST BY THE COMMISSION, HISTORY
18 COLORADO SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, AND STAFF
19 SERVICES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. THE
20 COMMISSION MAY RETAIN THE SERVICES OF A CONSULTANT OR STAFF
21 DIRECTOR TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN ACCOMPLISHING ITS DUTIES,
22 INCLUDING BY PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, DIRECTING
23 FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COMMISSION, PLANNING
24 EVENTS, AND OTHER DUTIES AS DEFINED BY THE COMMISSION.

25 (8) **Gifts, grants, and donations.** HISTORY COLORADO AND THE
26 COMMISSION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
27 DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS

1 SECTION.

2 (9) **Reports.** HISTORY COLORADO SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT ON
3 THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AS PART OF ITS "STATE
4 MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT
5 (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" PRESENTATION REQUIRED BY SECTION
6 2-7-203.

7 (10) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30,
8 2027.

9 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.