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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: AMERICA 250 - COLORADO 150 COMMISSION

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
[X] State Revenue [] TABOR Refund
[X] State Expenditure [] Local Government
[] State Transfer [] Statutory Public Entity

This bill creates a new commission in History Colorado to prepare for the observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America and the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood. It increases state expenditures through FY 2026-27.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$148,889 to History Colorado.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-011

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2022-23, and Out Year FY 2023-24. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a new commission to prepare for the observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the USA and the 150th anniversary of the founding of Colorado. The commission must have eleven members, six appointed by the Governor.

The bill tasks the new commission with various responsibilities in preparation for the official observance activities, including appointing an advisory panel to collect information from all Colorado regions, ensuring that the commission's work represents the state of Colorado both geographically and demographically, promoting scholarship and research on the history of Colorado, and arranging public ceremonies and commemorative events.

History Colorado must provide staff support to the commission, its advisory council, and any subcommittees formed in the process and is required to report on the commission's activities yearly. History Colorado and the commission may receive gifts, grants, or donations to support the commission's work. Members of the commission are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in their duties.

State Revenue

The bill potentially increases state revenue from gifts, grants, or donations; however, no sources have been identified at this time. Gifts, grants, and donations are exempt from TABOR revenue limits.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures in several state agencies, primarily in History Colorado, by \$203,836 in FY 2022-23 and \$208,883 in FY 2023-24 through FY 2026-27, as summarized in Table 2 and discussed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 22-011

Cost Components	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
History Colorado		
Personal Services	\$96,849	\$105,653
Operating Expenses	\$1,350	\$1,350
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,200	-
Reimbursements	\$34,500	\$34,500
Travel	\$10,000	\$10,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$54,937	\$57,380
FTE – Personal Services	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE
Total	\$203,836	\$208,883
Total FTE	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

History Colorado. History Colorado requires 0.9 FTE in FY 2022-23 and 1.0 FTE in subsequent years to support the commission’s work and History Colorado’s participation in the planning process. Standard operating and capital outlay costs are included, and personal services costs account for the General Fund pay date shift. Expenditures include funds for History Colorado staff to travel in Colorado in carrying out their responsibilities and funds to reimburse commission, subcommittee, and advisory panel members who are not state employees.

Governor’s Office. The Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions will have a minimal workload increase to make the required appointment under the bill. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Other state agencies. The bill increases workload by a minimal amount for representatives of the Colorado Department of Education and the Office of Economic Development and International Trade to participate in the commission’s work. No change in state appropriations is required.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by \$22,335 in FY 2022-23 and \$22,725 in FY 2023-24, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$148,889 to History Colorado and 0.9 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

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