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**SENATE BILL 23-001**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE**  
102                    **COLLABORATION UNIT FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE**  
103                    **HOUSING.**

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**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 public-private collaboration unit (unit) in the department of personnel (department) promotes the use of public-private partnerships between state public entities such as departments, agencies, or subdivisions of the executive branch of state government, and private partners as a tool for time and cost-efficient completion of public

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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projects. The bill authorizes the unit to undertake additional functions in connection with public projects that provide housing including:

- Accepting gifts, grants, and donations, which if monetary, are to be credited to the unused state-owned real property fund (fund);
- Utilizing proceeds from real estate transactions and revenue from public-private agreements;
- Acting as an agent on behalf of the department in real estate transactions using real property that upon approval by the governor has been deeded to the department by a state public entity, including for the purchase, transfer, exchange, sale and disposition, and lease of real property; and
- Establishing a process for using requests for information to solicit public projects.

The bill also allows the department and the unit to use money from the fund to facilitate these additional functions by the unit in connection with public projects that provide housing and for the standard operating expenses of the unit.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-82-102.5, **amend**  
3 (5); and **add** (2)(b.5) as follows:

4 **24-82-102.5. Unused state-owned real property - cash fund -**  
5 **legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.** (2) As used in this section,  
6 unless the context otherwise requires:

7 (b.5) "UNIT" MEANS THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION UNIT  
8 CREATED IN SECTION 24-94-103 (2) WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

9 (5) (a) The unused state-owned real property fund is hereby  
10 created in the state treasury. Unless otherwise directed, the state treasurer  
11 shall credit all proceeds from the sale, rent, or lease, including any leases  
12 entered into under section 24-82-102 (2)(a), of unused state-owned real  
13 property, ANY MONEY TRANSFERRED OR CREDITED PURSUANT TO  
14 SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, and any revenue generated from

1 public-private agreements pursuant to section 24-94-103 to the fund. The  
2 fund also consists of any other money that the general assembly may  
3 appropriate or transfer to the fund.

4 (b) (I) The state treasurer shall credit all interest and income  
5 derived from the deposit and investment of money in the unused  
6 state-owned real property fund to the fund. Any unexpended and  
7 unencumbered money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains in the  
8 fund.

9 (II) THE UNIT MAY SEEK AND ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
10 DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OR  
11 THE UNIT MAY EXPEND THE GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE  
12 PURPOSES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION. THE UNIT  
13 SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
14 DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO  
15 THE FUND.

16 (III) ANY PROCEEDS FROM REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS THAT THE  
17 UNIT IS AUTHORIZED TO FACILITATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-94-103  
18 (2.2) (c) SHALL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE UNIT OR BY THE DEPARTMENT TO  
19 THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE FUND.

20 (c) (I) The money in the unused state-owned real property fund is  
21 continuously appropriated to the department for:

22 (A) The purposes set forth in this section, including for appraisals,  
23 surveys, and property improvement, and for any ~~operational~~ costs to  
24 administer this section; and

25 (B) Public-private agreements, as defined in section 24-94-102  
26 (7), and any associated costs;

27 (C) FOR USE BY THE UNIT TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE

1 UNIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-94-103 (2.2) FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS THAT  
2 PROVIDE HOUSING; AND

3 (D) FOR THE STANDARD OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNIT,  
4 INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES AND RELATED COSTS.

5 (II) (A) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, the general assembly  
6 shall make an appropriation from the fund to the department for the  
7 standard operating expenses of the public-private collaboration unit  
8 created in section 24-94-103 (2), including personal services and related  
9 costs.

10 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (5)(c)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
11 2023.

12 (d) (I) On July 1, 2022, the state treasurer shall transfer fifteen  
13 million dollars from the general fund to the fund. THIS SUBSECTION  
14 (5)(d)(I) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

15 (II) ON JULY 1, 2023, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
16 FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND AND EIGHT  
17 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND TO THE  
18 FUND. THIS SUBSECTION (5)(d)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-94-103, **repeal**  
20 (3); and **add** (2.2) as follows:

21 **24-94-103. Public-private partnerships - oversight of state**  
22 **public entities in the executive branch of state government -**  
23 **definition - repeal.** (2.2) (a) THE UNIT MAY:

24 (I) ACCEPT MONETARY AND NONMONETARY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND  
25 DONATIONS. MONETARY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS SHALL BE  
26 TRANSFERRED BY THE UNIT TO THE STATE TREASURER AND CREDITED BY  
27 THE STATE TREASURER TO THE UNUSED STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

1 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-82-102.5 (5).

2 (II) ACCEPT, APPROPRIATE, HOLD IN TRUST, AND LEVERAGE, ON  
3 BEHALF OF PRIVATE PARTNERS, PROCEEDS FROM REAL ESTATE  
4 TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND  
5 OTHER APPLICABLE STATE LAW, AS WELL AS REVENUES FROM  
6 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS THAT  
7 PROVIDE HOUSING.

8 (III) USE REAL PROPERTY THAT, UPON APPROVAL BY THE  
9 GOVERNOR, HAS BEEN DEEDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A STATE PUBLIC  
10 ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF AN  
11 EXECUTED OR PROPOSED PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENT OR REAL ESTATE  
12 STATE CONTRACT FOR A PUBLIC PROJECT THAT PROVIDES HOUSING. IN  
13 FURTHERANCE OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.2)(a)(III), THE UNIT MAY ACT AS  
14 THE DEPARTMENT'S AGENT IN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS TO:

15 (A) PURCHASE STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY;

16 (B) TRANSFER STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY;

17 (C) EXCHANGE STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY;

18 (D) SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF STATE-OWNED REAL  
19 PROPERTY SUBJECT TO ANY PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE  
20 TO THE STATE PUBLIC ENTITY TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF  
21 PROPERTY;

22 (E) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR EASEMENTS OR DEED  
23 RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY; AND

24 (F) ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT CONCERNING STATE-OWNED  
25 REAL PROPERTY; AND

26 (IV) USE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO SOLICIT PUBLIC  
27 PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE HOUSING AND ESTABLISH POLICIES CONCERNING

1 A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PROCESS.

2 (b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2.2), A "PUBLIC PROJECT THAT  
3 PROVIDES HOUSING" INCLUDES A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

4 (3) ~~For the 2023-24 state fiscal year and for each state fiscal year~~  
5 ~~thereafter, the general assembly shall make an appropriation from the~~  
6 ~~general fund to the department for the standard operating expenses of the~~  
7 ~~public-private collaboration unit created in subsection (2) of this section,~~  
8 ~~including personal services and related costs.~~

9 **SECTION 3. 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.