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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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/>.)

Capital Development Committee. The bill grants the state

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historical society, also known as history Colorado, the authority to sell 3 properties that no longer fit within the mission of history Colorado.

Specifically, the bill grants history Colorado the authority to sell the following:

- The real property known as the McFarlane House in Central City;
- The real property known as the Pearce-McAllister Cottage in Denver; and
- The real property known as the Pueblo Museum Support Center, which was used as a storage facility by history Colorado until the artifacts housed at the facility were recently moved to a more northern storage facility for better access by history Colorado staff.

The bill specifies that the proceeds of the sales are to be credited to the state museum cash fund to be used in connection with the acquisition or construction of a consolidated collections care and storage facility or for controlled maintenance of history Colorado's current collections care and storage facilities.

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

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

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

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

14 (c) In 1955, history Colorado acquired the Pueblo Museum
15 Support Center in Pueblo, Colorado, which is a building adjacent to the

1 state fairgrounds. The facility has been used for storage; however,
2 artifacts that were at the facility have been moved to a storage facility in
3 Denver for easier access by history Colorado staff.

4 (d) History Colorado has determined that these three properties no
5 longer fit within its mission and that disposing of the properties would be
6 in the best interests of the organization. The disposition of the properties
7 also aligns with the goal of finding beneficial uses of unused or
8 underutilized state properties and supports the goals of reducing the
9 footprint of state government and responsible management of the state
10 budget and state facilities.

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

15 (a) 217 Eureka Street, Central City, Colorado, 80427, lot 10, block
16 11, City of Central, State of Colorado;

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

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

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

26 (3) The proceeds of the disposition of the real property described
27 in subsection (1) of this section must be credited to the state museum cash

1 fund created in section 24-80-214, Colorado Revised Statutes, to be used
2 in connection with the acquisition or construction of a consolidated
3 collections care and storage facility or for controlled maintenance of
4 history Colorado's current collections care and storage facilities.

5 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.