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**SENATE BILL 24-170**

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Appropriations

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
May 7, 2024

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 6, 2024

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE AMERICA 250 - COLORADO 150 COMMISSION.**

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 2, 2024

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 1, 2024

**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 adds the following 4 members to the America 250 - Colorado 150 commission (commission), to be appointed by the governor:

- 2 members representing Indigenous communities who are members of a federally recognized tribe with historic ties to Colorado that is not the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe or the Southern Ute Indian Tribe;
- One member representing military and veterans affairs; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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- One at-large member.

The bill also directs the commission and history Colorado to hold any gifts, grants, or donations in the America 250 - Colorado 150 cash fund (cash fund). The bill modifies the cash fund so that all money in the cash fund may be used to support the following duties of the commission:

- Providing community grants to communities across the state to assist recipient communities with providing local opportunities related to commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood; and
- Developing and promoting plans for statewide recognition of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026, including but not limited to:
  - Historical activities;
  - The creation and publication of historical documents;
  - Cooperation with agencies responsible for the preservation or restoration of historic sites, buildings, art, and artifacts;
  - Educational opportunities for Colorado youth to understand their historic roots in the United States and Colorado;
  - The promotion of scholarship and research that illuminates the history of the American west and Colorado within the larger story of the United States;
  - The arrangement of appropriate public ceremonies; and
  - Commemorative events, supported by a comprehensive marketing and tourism campaign.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-80-215, **amend**  
 3 (3)(a) introductory portion, (3)(a)(VI) introductory portion, (3)(a)(VI)(F),  
 4 (3)(a)(VI)(G), (3)(b), and (8); **amend as added by House Bill 24-1209**  
 5 (8.5)(a) and (8.5)(c); add (3)(a)(VI)(H), (3)(a)(VI)(I), (3)(a)(VI)(J),  
 6 and (3)(a)(VI)(K); and add to (8.5) as added by House Bill 24-1209  
 7 (8.5)(f) as follows:

1           **24-80-215. America 250 - Colorado 150 commission - creation**  
2           **- powers and duties - report - definitions - repeal. (3) Membership**

3           **and appointments.** (a) The commission consists of ~~fifteen~~ TWENTY-ONE  
4 voting members as follows:

5           (VI) ~~Ten~~ SIXTEEN members appointed by the governor, as  
6 follows:

7           (F) One member with experience in the study and documentation  
8 of the history of Asian American communities in Colorado; ~~and~~

9           ~~(G) Four members determined by the governor, in the governor's~~  
10 ~~discretion, to enhance and expand the expertise of the commission with~~  
11 ~~regards to its duties as set forth in subsection (4) of this section. TWO~~  
12 MEMBERS WHO ARE COLORADO RESIDENTS REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS  
13 COMMUNITIES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2601 (2), AND WHO ARE  
14 MEMBERS OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE WITH HISTORIC TIES TO  
15 COLORADO THAT IS NOT THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE OR THE  
16 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE;

17           (H) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING MILITARY AND VETERANS  
18 AFFAIRS;

19           (I) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN EXPERT IN DISABILITY HISTORY OR IS  
20 WORKING FOR A DISABILITY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION;

21           (J) TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS; AND

22           (K) FOUR MEMBERS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNOR, IN THE  
23 GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION, TO ENHANCE AND EXPAND THE EXPERTISE OF  
24 THE COMMISSION WITH REGARDS TO ITS DUTIES AS SET FORTH IN  
25 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

26           (b) The governor shall make appointments to the commission as  
27 set forth in subsections (3)(a)(VI)(A) to (3)(a)(VI)(F) of this section on

1 or before September 1, 2022. The governor shall make appointments to  
2 the commission as set forth in ~~subsection (3)(a)(VI)(G)~~ SUBSECTION  
3 (3)(a)(VI)(K) of this section on or before October 1, 2023. THE  
4 GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION AS SET  
5 FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS (3)(a)(VI)(G) TO (3)(a)(VI)(J) OF THIS SECTION  
6 NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SENATE  
7 BILL 24-170, ENACTED IN 2024. In making appointments, the governor  
8 shall attempt to ensure that the members represent the geographic  
9 diversity of the state.

10 (8) **Gifts, grants, and donations.** History Colorado and the  
11 commission may seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from  
12 private or public sources for the purposes of this section. HISTORY  
13 COLORADO AND THE COMMISSION SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED  
14 THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
15 (8) TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE  
16 FUND.

17 (8.5) **Cash fund.** (a) The America 250 - Colorado 150 cash fund  
18 is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of earned revenue from  
19 the sale of commemorative items sold in connection with the  
20 commission's marketing authority set forth in ~~subsection (4)(a)(I)(G)~~  
21 SUBSECTION (4) of this section that is received and credited to the fund  
22 pursuant to this subsection (8.5); GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS  
23 RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION OR HISTORY COLORADO PURSUANT TO  
24 SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION; and any other money that the general  
25 assembly may appropriate or transfer to the fund.

26 (c) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the  
27 commission through history Colorado for the ~~purpose~~ PURPOSES of

1 ACCOMPLISHING THE DUTIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (4)(a)(I) OF THIS  
2 SECTION AND providing community grants to communities across the state  
3 to assist recipient communities with providing local opportunities related  
4 to commemoration of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding  
5 of the United States and the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Colorado  
6 statehood such as those set forth in subsection (4)(a)(II) of this section.  
7 Money in the fund may also be used by the commission for the purpose  
8 of administering, implementing, and effectuating the community grants.

9 (f) ON JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER TWO  
10 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE  
11 FUND.

12 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
15 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
16 institutions.