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SENATE BILL 24-170

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AMERICA 250 - COLORADO 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 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.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

- 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 - The creation and publication of historical documents;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.

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), and
6 (3)(a)(VI)(J); and add to (8.5) as added by House Bill 24-1209 (8.5)(f)
7 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~~ NINETEEN
4 voting members as follows:

5 (VI) ~~Ten~~ FOURTEEN 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 AT-LARGE MEMBER; AND

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

24 (b) The governor shall make appointments to the commission as
25 set forth in subsections (3)(a)(VI)(A) to (3)(a)(VI)(F) of this section on
26 or before September 1, 2022. The governor shall make appointments to
27 the commission as set forth in ~~subsection (3)(a)(VI)(G)~~ SUBSECTION

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

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

15 (8.5) **Cash fund.** (a) The America 250 - Colorado 150 cash fund
16 is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of earned revenue from
17 the sale of commemorative items sold in connection with the
18 commission's marketing authority set forth in ~~subsection (4)(a)(I)(G)~~
19 SUBSECTION (4) of this section that is received and credited to the fund
20 pursuant to this subsection (8.5); GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS
21 RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION OR HISTORY COLORADO PURSUANT TO
22 SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION; and any other money that the general
23 assembly may appropriate or transfer to the fund.

24 (c) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the
25 commission through history Colorado for the ~~purpose~~ PURPOSES of
26 ACCOMPLISHING THE DUTIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (4)(a)(I) OF THIS
27 SECTION AND providing community grants to communities across the state

1 to assist recipient communities with providing local opportunities related
2 to commemoration of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding
3 of the United States and the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Colorado
4 statehood such as those set forth in subsection (4)(a)(II) of this section.
5 Money in the fund may also be used by the commission for the purpose
6 of administering, implementing, and effectuating the community grants.

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

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