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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **ETHNIC STUDIES COMMISSION**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates the Ethnic Studies Commission to create a resource bank with teaching materials related to historical events concerning Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2024-25 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$9,716 to the Colorado Department of Education.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Colorado Youth Advisory Commission.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under Bill 3

		Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$9,716	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$1,457	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Ethnic Studies Commission in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to establish an ethnic studies resource bank for teachers to access materials related to the Amache Internment Camp, *Korematsu v. United States*, and other historical events and issues concerning Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

The bill specifies the composition of the commission, which must first meet no later than July 15, 2024 and at least once annually. The commission must establish the resource bank by August 31, 2024 and review and update materials after that date.

State Expenditures

In FY 2024-25 only, the bill increases state expenditures by \$9,176 in CDE. In subsequent years, workload can be accomplished within current appropriations.

CDE will incur contract costs to create the online database (16 hours) and to compile and upload materials (40 hours), at a rate of \$75 per hour. Additionally, the fiscal note assumes that two in-person commission meetings will be held in FY 2024-25 and that commission members will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in participating in the commission. Meeting costs include substitute teaching costs for the three teachers assumed to be on the commission. Costs are listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under Bill 3

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Department of Education		
Database Creation	\$1,200	-
Contract Time	\$3,000	-
Commission Meeting Costs	\$5,516	-
Total Cost	\$9,716	-

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. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing 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 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$9,716 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

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