



HB 17-1317– History Colorado Lowry Property Disposition

Representatives Esgar and Hansen and Senators Baumgardner and Kefalas

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Purpose

HB 17-1317 grants the State Historical Society the authority to dispose of a vacant property located in Denver and use the proceeds of the disposition for capital construction or controlled maintenance at its museums statewide.

Background

- The State Historical Society has used this property as a cold storage facility since 1995 to house part of its collection. In 2007, the property was deeded to History Colorado. Between 2007 and 2017, History Colorado has continued to use the property as a storage facility for some of its programs. The Board of Directors evaluated the need for the Lowry storage facility based on the recent consolidation of collection materials at another location and determined that this facility is no longer needed.
- Since August 2016, History Colorado staff has worked with the State Real Estate Office and the State Architect's Office to place the facility on the market. History Colorado has received three bids on the facility and the Board and staff are currently evaluating the bids in collaboration with the State Real Estate Office. It is expected that the sale of the property will occur in July or August of 2017.
- History Colorado plans to use the proceeds from the sale of the Lowry property towards capital construction and controlled maintenance at its community museums located throughout the state. These facilities include: Fort Vasquez, Byers-Evans House Museum, El Pueblo History Museum, Grant-Humphreys, Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center, Trinidad History Museum, Ute Indian Museum, and the Healy House and Dexter Cabin. In FY 2017-18, the agency will update facility plans on all of its properties which will identify the controlled maintenance needs for each facility.

What HB 17-3217 Accomplishes

- Grants statutory authority for History Colorado to dispose of the Lowry property and use the proceeds for future capital construction or controlled maintenance projects at its statewide facilities

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