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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Zenzinger; Pelton R. **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **AMERICA 250 COLORADO 150 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 expands membership and provides funding for the America 250 Colorado 150 Commission in History Colorado. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill includes and requires an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Department of Higher Education.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-297

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures¹	General Fund	\$500,000	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$75,000	-

¹ Unexpended funds at the end of FY 2023-24 may be spent through FY 2026-27.

Summary of Legislation

The bill adds four members to the America 250 Colorado 150 Commission, who are to be appointed by the Governor by October 1, 2023. The bill also appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for use by History Colorado to support activities of the commission in FY 2023-24. Any unspent funding is further appropriated for the same purpose through FY 2026-27.

Background

[Senate Bill 22-011](#) created the America 250 Colorado 150 Commission in History Colorado to prepare for the observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America and the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood. The commission currently has eleven members, with six appointed by the Governor, and is tasked with various responsibilities for the official observance activities.

State Expenditures

From FY 2023-24 through FY 2026-27, the bill increases state General Fund expenditures by \$500,000 to be used by History Colorado to support commission activities. Workload will also increase for the Governor's Office to make the required appointments under the bill. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 6, 2023.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 to the Department of Higher Education for use by History Colorado. Any unexpended funds on July 1, 2024, are further appropriated to the department through FY 2026-27.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education
Higher Education

Governor's Office

History Colorado