

SB22-011

America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission

Concerning the establishment of the America 250 - Colorado 150 commission, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

SESSION:

2022 Regular Session

SUBJECT:

State Government

BILL SUMMARY

The act creates the America 250 - Colorado 150 commission (commission) in History Colorado to develop programs and plan for the official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood. The commission is directed to develop and promote plans for activities between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026, including historical activities, publication of historical documents, public ceremonies, educational activities for Colorado youth, and other commemorative events, to be supported by comprehensive marketing and tourism campaigns. The commission is required to identify, celebrate, and build knowledge around the history of Black communities, Indigenous communities, communities of color, women, and people with disabilities. In addition, the commission is required to ensure that the activities planned by the commission represent the geographic and demographic diversity of the state, are accessible to people with disabilities, and are accessible to communities throughout the state on an equitable basis. The commission is also authorized to represent the state in official dealings with the United States semi-quincentennial commission and the America250 foundation.

An advisory panel composed of regional representatives from the state's tourism districts is created to consult on regional activities celebrating the history and culture of regions across the state. The commission is authorized to establish additional subcommittees to assist the commission in the fulfillment of its duties.

History Colorado is required to annually report on the commission's activities as part of its "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act" reports. The commission is repealed effective June 30, 2027.