

Colorado Legislative Council Staff

HB17-1217

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Statutory Public Entity ☐ Conditional ☒ No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY GOVERNANCE

Summary of Legislation

The bill, *recommended by the Legislative Audit Committee*, changes the way the board members of the Colorado Historical Society are selected. Under current law, the board has nine members: five members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, and four members recommended by the board for appointment by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. Under this bill, all nine members will be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate.

The directors council of the State Historical Society is created in current law. The bill allows the board to establish the council; however, if the council is not established by June 1, 2020, the bill repeals the section authorizing its establishment.

Background

Established in 1879, the Colorado Historical Society, or History Colorado, is a nonprofit charitable organization and a state agency in the Department of Higher Education.

Assessment

Changing the method for selecting the governing body of the Colorado State Historical Society will not change the expenditures or revenue for any state agency, and therefore, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Governor Higher Education