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HOUSE BILL 08-1399

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101      **CONCERNING THE USE OF INTEREST FROM MONEYS IN THE UNCLAIMED**  
102           **PROPERTY TOURISM PROMOTION TRUST FUND FOR STATE**  
103           **AGRICULTURAL EFFORTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
104           **SPECIFYING HOW SUCH MONEYS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED,**  
105           **CLARIFYING THAT THE DISTRIBUTIONS SHALL BEGIN IN THE**  
106           **2008-09 STATE FISCAL YEAR, AND CREATING THE AGRICULTURE**  
107           **MANAGEMENT FUND, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
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HOUSE  
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HOUSE  
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Creates the agriculture management fund. Specifies that interest on the moneys in the unclaimed property tourism promotion trust fund shall be distributed as follows:

- ! 25% to the Colorado state fair authority cash fund;
- ! 65% to the agriculture management fund; and
- ! 10% to the Colorado travel and tourism promotion fund, to be expended to promote agritourism in the state.

Repeals statutory provisions dedicating all the interest from the unclaimed property tourism promotion trust fund to the Colorado travel and tourism promotion fund and specifying how those moneys should be expended. Defines agritourism. Makes conforming amendments.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 38-13-116.7 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **38-13-116.7. Unclaimed property tourism promotion trust**  
5 **fund - creation - payments - interest - transfers.** (3) (a) ~~All~~  
6 BEGINNING WITH THE 2008-09 STATE FISCAL YEAR, the interest derived  
7 from the deposit and investment of moneys in the unclaimed property  
8 tourism promotion trust fund shall be credited to the ~~Colorado travel and~~  
9 ~~tourism promotion fund created in section 24-49.7-106 (1), C.R.S., and,~~  
10 ~~beginning with the 2005-06 state fiscal year, shall be subject to~~  
11 ~~appropriation by the general assembly as provided in section 24-49.7-106~~  
12 ~~(3) (a), C.R.S.~~ FOLLOWING FUNDS:

13 (I) TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE INTEREST TO THE COLORADO  
14 STATE FAIR AUTHORITY CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 35-65-107 (1),  
15 C.R.S., SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
16 PURSUANT TO SECTION 35-65-107 (3) (b), C.R.S.;

17 (II) SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE INTEREST TO THE AGRICULTURE  
18 MANAGEMENT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 35-1-106.9, C.R.S., SUBJECT TO  
19 APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SECTION

1 35-1-106.9, C.R.S.; AND

2 (III) (A) TEN PERCENT OF THE INTEREST TO THE COLORADO  
3 TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROMOTION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-106  
4 (1), C.R.S., SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
5 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-49.7-106 (3), C.R.S., FOR USE IN THE  
6 PROMOTION OF AGRITOURISM IN THE STATE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
7 SUBPARAGRAPH (III), "AGRITOURISM" MEANS THE PRACTICE OF ENGAGING  
8 IN ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, AND SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO  
9 CONSUMERS FOR RECREATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, OR EDUCATIONAL  
10 PURPOSES AT A FARM, RANCH, OR OTHER AGRICULTURAL,  
11 HORTICULTURAL, OR AGRIBUSINESS OPERATION IN ORDER TO ALLOW  
12 CONSUMERS TO EXPERIENCE, LEARN ABOUT, AND PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS  
13 FACETS OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY, CULINARY PURSUITS, NATURAL  
14 RESOURCES, AND HERITAGE.

15 (B) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE  
16 CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-103, C.R.S., SHALL CONSULT ANNUALLY,  
17 AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WITH THE  
18 COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING THE EXPENDITURE OF  
19 MONEYS APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS  
20 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) IN ORDER TO COORDINATE AGRITOURISM PROMOTION  
21 EFFORTS.

22 (b) Any moneys that are credited to and expended from the  
23 Colorado STATE FAIR AUTHORITY CASH FUND, THE AGRICULTURE  
24 MANAGEMENT FUND, OR THE travel and tourism promotion fund pursuant  
25 to this subsection (3) shall constitute fiscal year spending of the state for  
26 purposes of section 20 of article X of the state constitution.

27 **SECTION 2. Repeal.** 24-49.7-106 (4) and (5), Colorado Revised

1 Statutes, are repealed.

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3 **SECTION 3.** Article 1 of title 35, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

5 **35-1-106.9. Agriculture management fund - creation.** THERE  
6 IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE AGRICULTURE  
7 MANAGEMENT FUND. THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF MONEYS TRANSFERRED  
8 PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-13-116.7 (3), C.R.S. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
9 USE SUCH MONEYS TO FUND AGRICULTURAL EFFORTS APPROVED BY THE  
10 COMMISSIONER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FUNDING ADDITIONAL  
11 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND MANAGE  
12 APPROVED PROGRAMS. MONEYS MAY BE USED FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE OR  
13 GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICTS CREATED PURSUANT TO  
14 ARTICLE 70 OF TITLE 35, C.R.S. MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO  
15 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT. ANY MONEYS NOT  
16 EXPENDED OR ENCUMBERED FROM ANY APPROPRIATION AT THE END OF  
17 ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE IN THE  
18 NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. ALL INTEREST  
19 DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND  
20 SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR  
21 CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

22 **SECTION 4.** 35-65-107 (3) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
23 amended to read:

24 **35-65-107. State fair fund - lease and use of facilities.**

25 (3) (a) The Colorado state fair authority cash fund shall consist of:

26 (I) All moneys that may be appropriated thereto by the general  
27 assembly; and

1 (II) All other moneys that may be available to it, including the  
2 moneys received under subsection (1) of this section; AND

3 (III) ALL MONEYS CREDITED TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
4 SECTION 38-13-116.7 (3), C.R.S.

5 **SECTION 5. Repeal.** 35-65-401 (9) (f.5), Colorado Revised  
6 Statutes, is repealed as follows:

7 **35-65-401. Colorado state fair authority - creation - board -  
8 powers and duties.** (9) The board shall:

9 (f.5) ~~Consult with the board of directors of the Colorado tourism  
10 office in accordance with section 24-49.7-106 (4), C.R.S., regarding the  
11 expenditure of moneys transferred to the Colorado travel and tourism  
12 promotion fund;~~

13 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
14 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
15 agriculture management fund created in section 35-1-106.9, Colorado  
16 Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of  
17 agriculture, for further allocation to the special purpose division, for the  
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, the sum of one million three hundred  
19 forty-eight thousand seven hundred sixty-three dollars (\$1,348,763) and  
20 6.0 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation  
21 of this act.

22 **SECTION 7. Appropriation - adjustments to the 2008 long  
23 bill.** For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the  
24 annual general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
25 2008, shall be adjusted as follows:

26 (1) The federal funds appropriation to the department of  
27 agriculture, commissioner's office and administrative services, grants, for

1 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, is decreased by 3.6 FTE.

2 (2) The cash funds appropriation to the office of the governor,  
3 economic development programs, Colorado promotion - other promotion  
4 programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, is increased by 1.0  
5 FTE.

6 **SECTION 8. Effective date.** This act shall take effect when the  
7 board of commissioners of the Colorado state fair authority, created in  
8 section 35-65-401, Colorado Revised Statutes, certifies to the state  
9 treasurer and the revisor of statutes, in writing, that all loans owed by the  
10 Colorado state fair authority to the state treasurer pursuant to section  
11 24-75-203 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, and any outstanding debt  
12 incurred by the Colorado state fair authority to build the events center in  
13 Pueblo have been repaid in full.

14 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.