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HOUSE BILL 17-1230

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PROTECTION FOR COLORADO RESIDENTS FROM FEDERAL**
102 **GOVERNMENT OVERREACH BASED ON A PERSON'S STATUS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

The bill prohibits a state or political subdivision from:

- ! Providing the race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or religious affiliation of a Colorado resident to the federal government without determining it is for a legal and constitutional purpose;
- ! Aiding or assisting the federal government in creating,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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- maintaining, or updating a registry for the purpose of identifying Colorado residents based on race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or religious affiliation;
- ! Aiding or assisting the federal government or a federal agency in marking or otherwise placing a physical or electronic identifier on a person based on his or her race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or religious affiliation; and
- ! Aiding or assisting, including using state or local lands or resources, the federal government in interning, arresting, or detaining a person based on his or her race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or religious affiliation.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
3 hereby finds and declares that Colorado has been a beacon of hope
4 against inhumane practices, such as the internment of communities.
5 Colorado is called to lead again against the potential overreach of the
6 federal government. In 1942, the Granada War Relocation Center (Camp
7 Amache) served as an internment camp for Japanese Americans in
8 Granada, Colorado. Despite the national spread of anti-Japanese
9 sentiment, Colorado Governor Ralph Carr stood apart from the hatred and
10 prejudice experienced by Japanese Americans. In a famous speech,
11 Governor Carr stated: ". . . the Japanese are protected by the same
12 Constitution that protects us. An American citizen of Japanese descent
13 has the same rights as any other citizen. . . . If you harm them, you must
14 first harm me. I was brought up in small towns where I knew the shame
15 and dishonor of race hatred. I grew to despise it because it threatened the
16 happiness of you and you and you." The Colorado general assembly is
17 aware that history often repeats itself. History has demonstrated that the
18 demonization of communities leading to internment camps and the
19 deprivation of human rights, constitutional rights, and civil rights are

1 often rooted in the overreach of federal policies. The Colorado general
2 assembly rejects any federal attempts to demonize Colorado communities;
3 rejects any attempts to detain or intern Coloradans because of their race,
4 ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or religious affiliation; and
5 rejects any attempts to access data or information about Coloradans for
6 illegal or unconstitutional purposes. Through its constitutional reservation
7 of powers, Colorado will prohibit the use of state and local law
8 enforcement and state and local resources to engage in discriminatory and
9 unconstitutional behavior that is repugnant to Colorado values. In
10 asserting its constitutional reservation of powers, the Colorado general
11 assembly affirms its obligation to prevail over federal overreach that may
12 result in Coloradans being harmed.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 76.6 to
14 title 24 as follows:

15 **ARTICLE 76.6**

16 **Ralph Carr Freedom Defense Act**

17 **24-76.6-101. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE 76.6
18 IS THE "RALPH CARR FREEDOM DEFENSE ACT".

19 **24-76.6-102. Compliance with legal and constitutional federal**
20 **requests.** (1) BEFORE A STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE
21 STATE COMPLIES WITH A REQUEST FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR
22 ANY FEDERAL AGENCY TO DIVULGE THE RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL
23 ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OF ANY
24 COLORADO RESIDENT, THE STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE
25 STATE, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT KNOWS THE BASIS FOR THE REQUEST,
26 SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE REQUEST IS FOR A LEGAL AND
27 CONSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE.

1 (2) THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE SHALL
2 NOT AID OR ASSIST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL AGENCY IN
3 CREATING, MAINTAINING, OR UPDATING A REGISTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
4 IDENTIFYING COLORADO RESIDENTS BASED ON RACE, ETHNICITY,
5 NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION;
6 EXCEPT THAT THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE MAY
7 AID OR ASSIST THE UNITED STATE CENSUS BUREAU.

8 (3) THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE SHALL
9 NOT AID OR ASSIST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL AGENCY IN
10 MARKING OR OTHERWISE PLACING A PHYSICAL OR ELECTRONIC IDENTIFIER
11 ON A PERSON BASED ON HIS OR HER RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN,
12 IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

13 **24-76.6-103. Noncompliance with national internment or**
14 **detention - definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "INTERNMENT"
15 MEANS HOLDING OR IMPRISONING A PERSON WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE OR
16 DUE PROCESS BASED ON HIS OR HER RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN,
17 IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION FOR LONGER THAN
18 FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

19 (2) (a) THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE
20 SHALL NOT ASSIST OR AID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL
21 AGENCY IN INTERNING PERSONS BASED ON THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY,
22 NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

23 (b) THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE SHALL
24 NOT ASSIST OR AID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL AGENCY IN
25 ARRESTING OR DETAINING PERSONS FOR A NONCRIMINAL OFFENSE BASED
26 ON THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR
27 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

1 (3) STATE OR LOCAL LANDS OR RESOURCES SHALL NOT BE USED
2 FOR THE INTERNMENT OF PERSONS BASED ON THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY,
3 NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

4 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.