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**ENGROSSED**

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**HOUSE BILL 16-1458**

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**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO EFFECTUATE THE CONSERVATION OF**  
102 **NATIVE SPECIES IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103 **THEREWITH, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SPECIES**  
104 **CONSERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PURPOSES RECOMMENDED BY**  
105 **THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**

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**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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill appropriates money from the species conservation trust fund for programs submitted by the executive director of the department

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.*

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of natural resources that are designed to conserve native species that have been listed as threatened or endangered under state or federal law or that are candidate species or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the United States fish and wildlife service.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) Pursuant to:

3 (a) Section 24-33-111 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, the species  
4 conservation trust fund has been created in the state treasury to fund  
5 programs designed to conserve native species that have been listed as  
6 threatened or endangered under state or federal law or that are candidate  
7 species or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the  
8 United States fish and wildlife service;

9 (b) Section 24-33-111 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes:

10 (I) The executive director of the department of natural resources,  
11 after consulting with the Colorado water conservation board and its  
12 director, the parks and wildlife commission, and the director of the  
13 division of parks and wildlife, has prepared and delivered to the general  
14 assembly a species conservation eligibility list describing programs and  
15 associated costs that are eligible to receive funding from the species  
16 conservation trust fund; and

17 (II) Before obligating funds from the species conservation trust  
18 fund, the species conservation eligibility list is subject to modification  
19 and adoption through the passage of a bill.

20 **SECTION 2. Eligibility list - approval.** (1) The general  
21 assembly deems the recommended expenditures described in the species  
22 conservation eligibility list to be in the interest of the people of the state.  
23 The money specified in this subsection (1) is available in fiscal year

1 2016-17 and remains available for the designated purposes until it is fully  
 2 expended. The executive director of the department of natural resources  
 3 is authorized to obligate and expend three million dollars (\$3,000,000)  
 4 from the species conservation trust fund for the following activities,  
 5 programs, and species in the following amounts:

6 <b>PROGRAM/SPECIES</b>	7 <b>AMOUNT</b>
8           (I) Native terrestrial wildlife 9           conservation	\$778,135
10          (II) Native aquatic wildlife 11          conservation	\$321,865
12          (III) Native species 13          management, monitoring, and 14          propagation	\$700,000
15          (IV) Gunnison river basin 16          selenium management program	\$250,000
17          (V) Upper Colorado river 18          recovery program	\$550,000
19          (VI) Grand Valley power plant 20          repair and improvement	\$400,000
21 <b>Total authorization</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

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