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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND PROJECTS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill authorizes expenditures in the Department of Natural Resources for a designated list of projects to conserve native species. It increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to spend \$5.0 million. See State Appropriations section.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1274

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2022-23, Out Year FY 2023-24, and a fourth column for details. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts.

* Funds authorized in FY 2022-23 remain available for the designated purposes until fully expended.

Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes the use of \$5 million from the Species Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF) for specific programs submitted by the director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The programs are designed to conserve native species that are threatened or endangered under state or federal law, or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The funds authorized are available in FY 2023-24, and remain available for the designated purposes until they are fully spent.

State Expenditures

For FY 2023-24, the bill authorizes expenditures of \$5 million from the SCTF for the projects summarized in Table 2.

Table 2
Species Conservation Trust Fund Project Expenditures

Program	FY 2023-24
Native Terrestrial Wildlife Conservation	\$750,000
Native Aquatic Wildlife Conservation	\$1,500,000
Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program	\$2,200,000
Selenium Management, Research, Monitoring, Evaluation and Control	\$50,000
Federal Endangered Species Act Litigation Program	\$500,000
Total Cost	\$5,000,000

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

The bill provides the authorization necessary for the projects listed in Table 2 above. No further appropriations are required.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources