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**Final Fiscal Note**

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**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Roberts; Will      **Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**Bill Topic:**      **ANNUAL SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND PROJECTS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**       State Revenue       State Transfer       Local Government  
 State Expenditure       TABOR Refund       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 2024-25.

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**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2024-25, the bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to spend \$5.0 million.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-199**

|                             |            | <b>Budget Year<br/>FY 2024-25</b> | <b>Out Year<br/>FY 2025-26</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>              |            | -                                 | -                              |
| <b>Expenditures</b>         | Cash Funds | \$5,000,000                       | -                              |
| <b>Transfers</b>            |            | -                                 | -                              |
| <b>Other Budget Impacts</b> |            | -                                 | -                              |

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## 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The funds authorized are available in FY 2024-25, and remain available for the designated purposes until they are fully spent.

## State Expenditures

For FY 2024-25, the bill authorizes expenditures of \$5 million from the SCTF, which is expected to be spent over multiple fiscal years and remains available until fully expended. Projects are summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**Species Conservation Trust Fund Project Expenditures**

| <b>Program</b>   | <b>FY 2024-25</b>  |
|--|--------------------|
| Upper Colorado River endangered fish recovery program              | \$1,800,000        |
| Selenium management, research, monitoring, evaluation, and control | \$650,000          |
| Three species recovery efforts                                     | \$50,000           |
| Native terrestrial wildlife conservation                           | \$1,700,000        |
| Native aquatic wildlife conservation                               | \$800,000          |
| <b>Total Cost</b>  | <b>\$5,000,000</b> |

## Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 17, 2024.

## 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

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).