

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO CONSERVE NATIVE SPECIES IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PURPOSES RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/07/2017.

XXX	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

Amendment	Description
L.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes a clause authorizing the expenditure of \$1.5 million from the Species Conservation Trust Fund, administered by Department of Natural Resources, for FY 2017-18. No additional appropriations are required

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**L.002** Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) increases the total expenditures from the Species Conservation Trust Fund to \$3,850,000. The amendment increases the authorized expenditures for native terrestrial wildlife conservation, native aquatic wildlife conservation, and the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program. Additionally, the amendment eliminates the expenditures for nonnative fish control. Finally, the amendment adds expenditure authorization for the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program and the Gunnison River Basin Selenium Management Plan. The following table summarizes the amendment's changes.

<b>Impact of L.002 - Bill Sponsor Amendment</b>			
<b>Program/Species</b>	<b>Reengrossed Bill</b>	<b>L.002</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Native terrestrial wildlife conservation	\$375,000	\$732,850	\$357,850
Native aquatic wildlife conservation	375,000	1,192,150	817,150
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program	600,000	875,000	275,000
Nonnative fish control	150,000	0	(150,000)
Upper Colorado River Recovery Program	0	950,000	950,000
Gunnison River Basin Selenium Management Plan	0	100,000	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$3,850,000</b>	<b>\$2,350,000</b>

**Points to Consider**

*Related Budget Information*

Pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (2)(e)(X)(A), C.R.S., the Species Conservation Trust Fund is authorized to receive a transfer of up to \$5.0 million from Tier II of the Severance Tax Operational Fund in FY 2017-18. However, this transfer is subject to proportional reductions if there is insufficient revenue for authorized distributions to Tier II programs. Based on the March 2017 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast, the Species Conservation Trust Fund is projected to receive approximately \$1.5 million in severance tax revenue in the upcoming fiscal year. As discussed on page one of the attached LCS Fiscal Note, any reductions in severance tax revenue will require expenditures in this bill to be supported by the existing unobligated fund balance in the Species Conservation Trust Fund.