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SENATE BILL 22-158

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(None),

Senate Committees

Agriculture & Natural Resources

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND
102 PROJECTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN
103 APPROPRIATION.

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 appropriates \$6 million from the species conservation trust fund for programs submitted by the executive director of the department of natural resources that are designed to conserve native species that state or federal law list as threatened or endangered or that are candidate species or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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United States fish and wildlife service, allocated as follows:

- \$770,000 for native terrestrial wildlife conservation;
- \$2,230,000 for native aquatic wildlife conservation;
- \$1,900,000 for a Platte river recovery implementation program;
- \$800,000 for an upper Colorado river endangered fish recovery program and San Juan river basin recovery implementation program;
- \$250,000 for a 15-mile reach of Ruedi reservoir releases; and
- \$50,000 for selenium management, research, monitoring, evaluation, and control.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds and declares that:

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

10 (b) Pursuant to section 24-33-111 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes:

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

18 (II) Before obligating funds from the species conservation trust
19 fund, the species conservation eligibility list is subject to modification

1 and adoption through the passage of a bill.

2 **SECTION 2. Eligibility list - approval.** (1) The general
3 assembly deems the recommended expenditures described in the species
4 conservation eligibility list to be in the interest of the people of the state.
5 The money specified in this subsection (1) is available in fiscal year
6 2022-23 and remains available for the designated purposes until it is fully
7 expended. The executive director of the department of natural resources
8 is authorized to obligate and expend six million dollars (\$6,000,000) from
9 the species conservation trust fund for the following activities, programs,
10 and species in the following amounts:

11	PROGRAM/SPECIES	AMOUNT
12	(a) Native terrestrial wildlife	
13	conservation;	\$770,000
14	(b) Native aquatic wildlife	
15	conservation;	\$2,230,000
16	(c) Platte river recovery	
17	implementation program;	\$1,900,000
18	(d) Upper Colorado river	
19	endangered fish recovery program	
20	and San Juan river basin recovery	
21	implementation program;	\$800,000
22	(e) Ruedi reservoir releases -	
23	15-mile reach; and	\$250,000
24	(f) Selenium management,	
25	research, monitoring, evaluation,	
26	and control.	\$50,000
27	Total authorization	\$6,000,000

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