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Fiscal Note

Drafting Number:
Prime Sponsors:

LLS 22-0360
Sen. Danielson; Story
Rep. McCluskie; Will

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Bill Topic:

SAFE CROSSINGS FOR COLORADO WILDLIFE & MOTORISTS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates a cash fund and transfers money for transportation projects that create safe passages for wildlife. The bill increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-151

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures		-	-
Transfers	General Fund	(\$25,000,000)	-
	Cash Funds	\$25,000,000	-
	Net Transfer	\$0	-
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Colorado Wildlife Safe Passages Fund in the state treasury and transfers \$25 million from the General Fund to the cash fund to support projects by the Department of Transportation (CDOT) that provide safe road crossings for wildlife, and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions. The fund is continuously appropriated to CDOT for the full range of project needs, including feasibility studies, controlled maintenance, matching federal funds, and administrative and personnel costs. CDOT must consult with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance concerning distribution of money from the fund. CDOT must prepare annual reports regarding the total amount spent from the fund, and the amount spent for each project during the prior fiscal year.

State Revenue

The new fund may receive gifts, grants, and private donations. This revenue is not subject to TABOR.

State Transfers

On September 1, 2022, the bill transfers \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Colorado Wildlife Safe Passages Fund.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures for transportation projects beginning FY 2022-23 from the new Colorado Wildlife Safe Passages Fund. Money in the fund will be used to support project needs for multiple fiscal years and any administrative costs incurred by CDOT to prepare reports and coordinate with other agencies.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources

Transportation