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Revised Fiscal Note

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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 revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-151

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2022-23, Out Year FY 2023-24. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures, Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfer), and Other Budget Impacts.

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates the Colorado Wildlife Safe Passages Fund in the state treasury and transfers \$5 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 \$5,000,000 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 is continuously appropriated to CDOT and 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