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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND PROJECTS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue [ ] TABOR Refund [ ]
State Expenditure [x] Local Government [ ]
State Transfer [ ] 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 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill authorizes the DNR to spend \$6.0 million. See State Appropriations section.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-158

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

\* Funds appropriated in FY 2022-23 remain available for the designated purposes until fully expended.

## Summary of Legislation

The bill appropriates \$6.0 million from the Species Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF) for 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 United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The funds appropriated are available in FY 2022-23 and remain available for the designated purposes until they are fully spent.

## State Expenditures

For FY 2022-23, the bill authorizes expenditures of \$6.0 million from the SCTF for the projects summarized in Table 2.

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
Native Terrestrial Wildlife Conservation	\$770,000
Native Aquatic Wildlife Conservation	\$2,230,000
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program	\$1,900,000
Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program; and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program	\$800,000
Ruedi Reservoir Releases – 15-Mile Reach	\$250,000
Selenium Management, Research, Monitoring, Evaluation and Control	\$50,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect June 1, 2022.

## 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