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HOUSE BILL 16-1458

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO EFFECTUATE THE CONSERVATION OF  
102 NATIVE SPECIES IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION  
103 THEREWITH, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SPECIES  
104 CONSERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PURPOSES RECOMMENDED BY  
105 THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill appropriates money from the species conservation trust fund for programs submitted by the executive director of the department

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

of natural resources that are designed to conserve native species that have been listed as threatened or endangered under state or federal law or that are candidate species or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the United States fish and wildlife service.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) Pursuant to:

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

9 (b) Section 24-33-111 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes:

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

17 (II) Before obligating funds from the species conservation trust  
18 fund, the species conservation eligibility list is subject to modification  
19 and adoption through the passage of a bill.

20 **SECTION 2. Eligibility list - approval.** (1) The general  
21 assembly deems the recommended expenditures described in the species  
22 conservation eligibility list to be in the interest of the people of the state.  
23 The money specified in this subsection (1) is available in fiscal year

1 2016-17 and remains available for the designated purposes until it is fully  
2 expended. The executive director of the department of natural resources  
3 is authorized to obligate and expend three million dollars (\$3,000,000)  
4 from the species conservation trust fund for the following activities,  
5 programs, and species in the following amounts:

6	<b>PROGRAM/SPECIES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
7	(I) Native terrestrial wildlife	\$778,135
8	conservation	
9	(II) Native aquatic wildlife	\$321,865
10	conservation	
11	(III) Native species	\$700,000
12	management, monitoring, and	
13	propagation	
14	(IV) Gunnison river basin	\$250,000
15	selenium management program	
16	(V) Upper Colorado river	\$550,000
17	recovery program	
18	(VI) Grand Valley power plant	\$400,000
19	repair and improvement	
20	<b>Total authorization</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

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