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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND.**

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

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.

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

16 (c) Section 24-33-111 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, prior to
17 obligating funds from the species conservation trust fund, the species
18 conservation eligibility list is subject to modification and adoption
19 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 moneys specified in this subsection (1) shall be available in fiscal
24 year 2013-14 and shall remain available for the designated purposes until
25 they are fully expended:

26 (a) The executive director of the department of natural resources

1 is authorized to obligate and expend four million dollars (\$4,000,000)
2 from the species conservation trust fund for the following activities,
3 programs, and species in the following amounts:

4	PROGRAM / SPECIES	AMOUNT
5	(I) Selenium Management Program	\$ 500,000
6	(II) White River Management Plan	\$ 250,000
7	(III) Instream Flow Water	\$ 500,000
8	Acquisition	
9	(IV) Fountain Creek Fish Passage	\$ 250,000
10	Project	
11	(V) Native Terrestrial Wildlife	\$ 10,000
12	Habitat Management and	
13	Propagation	
14	(VI) Native Terrestrial Wildlife	\$ 816,000
15	Research, Monitoring, and	
16	Evaluation	
17	(VII) Native Aquatic Wildlife	\$ 500,000
18	Habitat and Population Management	
19	and Propagation	
20	(VIII) Native Aquatic Wildlife	\$ 324,000
21	Research, Monitoring, and	
22	Evaluation	
23	(IX) Wildlife Disease Management	\$ 350,000
24	and Landscape Adaptation	
25	(X) Natural Areas - Rare Plant	\$ 500,000
26	Conservation Program and Species	
27	Conservation	
28	Total authorization:	\$ 4,000,000

1 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-29-109.3, **amend**
2 (2) (e) (VI) (A) as follows:

3 **39-29-109.3. Operational account of the severance tax trust**
4 **fund - repeal.** (2) Subject to the requirements of subsections (3) and (4)
5 of this section, if the general assembly chooses not to spend up to one
6 hundred percent of the moneys in the operational account as specified in
7 subsection (1) of this section, the state treasurer shall transfer the
8 following:

9 (e) To the species conservation trust fund created in section
10 24-33-111 (2) (a), C.R.S., the following amounts:

11 (VI) (A) For the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, ~~six~~
12 ~~million six hundred thousand~~ FOUR MILLION dollars.

13 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.