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HOUSE BILL 15-1277

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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.**

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.

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 27, 2015

SENATE
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April 24, 2015

HOUSE
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April 7, 2015

HOUSE
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April 6, 2015

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.

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, 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 money specified in this subsection (1) is available in fiscal year

1 2015-16 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 five million dollars (\$5,000,000)
 4 from the species conservation trust fund for the following activities,
 5 programs, and species in the following amounts:

6	PROGRAM/SPECIES	AMOUNT
7	(I) Native terrestrial wildlife	\$1,092,000
8	conservation	
9	(II) Native aquatic wildlife	\$558,000
10	conservation	
11	(III) Colorado natural areas	\$234,500
12	program	
13	(IV) Colorado resource	\$115,500
14	stewardship program	
15	(V) Native species management,	\$1,000,000
16	monitoring, and propagation	
17	(VI) Gunnison river basin	\$500,000
18	selenium management plan	
19	(VII) Upper Colorado river	\$1,000,000
20	basin nonnative species control	
21	program	
22	(VIII) Colorado river lease of	\$500,000
23	water for instream flows for	
24	endangered fish recovery	
25	purposes	
26	Total authorization	\$5,000,000

27 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.