



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1318: SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND PROJECTS

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law**Drafting number:** LLS 25-1017**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** July 9, 2025**Fiscal note status:** This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill authorizes expenditures in the Department of Natural Resources for a designated list of projects to conserve native species.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas beginning in FY 2025-26:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required as the bill provides the necessary spending authority to the Department of Natural Resources.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (Cash Funds)	\$5,000,000	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes the use of \$5 million from the Species Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF) for specific 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The funds authorized are available in FY 2025-26, and remain available for the designated purposes until they are fully spent.

State Expenditures

For FY 2025-26, the bill authorizes expenditures of \$5 million in DNR from the SCTF, which is expected to be spent over multiple fiscal years and remains available until fully expended. Projects are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2
Species Conservation Trust Fund Project Expenditures

Program	FY 2025-26
Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program	\$2,480,000
Selenium Management, Research, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Control	\$20,000
Native Terrestrial Wildlife Conservation	\$1,250,000
Native Aquatic Wildlife Conservation	\$1,250,000
Total Expenditures	\$5,000,000

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 30, 2025.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).