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SENATE BILL 17-202

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO CONSERVE NATIVE SPECIES IN COLORADO,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS**
103 **FROM THE SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PURPOSES**
104 **RECOMMENDED BY 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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill appropriates \$1.5 million 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

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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3rd Reading Unamended
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HOUSE
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SENATE
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SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
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species that state or federal law list as threatened or endangered or that are candidate species or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the United States fish and wildlife service as follows:

- ! Native terrestrial wildlife conservation, \$375,000;
- ! Native aquatic wildlife conservation, \$375,000;
- ! Platte river recovery implementation program, \$600,000;
- and
- ! Nonnative fish control, \$150,000.

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

1 conservation eligibility list to be in the interest of the people of the state.
 2 The money specified in this subsection (1) is available in fiscal year
 3 2017-18 and remains available for the designated purposes until it is fully
 4 expended. The executive director of the department of natural resources
 5 is authorized to obligate and expend three million eight hundred fifty
 6 thousand dollars (\$3,850,000) from the species conservation trust fund for
 7 the following activities, programs, and species in the following amounts:

| 8 PROGRAM/SPECIES | 9 AMOUNT |
|---|-------------------|
| 10 (a) Native terrestrial wildlife conservation | \$732,850 |
| 11 (b) Native aquatic wildlife conservation | \$1,192,150 |
| 12 (c) Platte river recovery implementation program | \$875,000 |
| 13 (d) Upper Colorado river recovery program | \$950,000 |
| 14 (e) Gunnison river basin selenium management plan | \$100,000 |
| 15 Total authorization | \$3,850,00 |

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