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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **ANNUAL SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND PROJECTS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill authorizes expenditures in the Department of Natural Resources for a designated list of projects to conserve native species. It increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to spend \$5.0 million.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-199

		Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$5,000,000	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

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 2024-25, and remain available for the designated purposes until they are fully spent.

State Expenditures

For FY 2024-25, the bill authorizes expenditures of \$5 million 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 2024-25
Upper Colorado River endangered fish recovery program	\$1,800,000
Selenium management, research, monitoring, evaluation, and control	\$650,000
Three species recovery efforts	\$50,000
Native terrestrial wildlife conservation	\$1,700,000
Native aquatic wildlife conservation	\$800,000
Total Cost	\$5,000,000

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

The bill provides the authorization necessary for the projects listed in Table 2 above. No further appropriations are required.

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](#).