



## HB24-1117

**SHORT TITLE:** Invertebrates & Rare Plants Parks & Wildlife Commission

**LONG TITLE:** Concerning including certain species under the authority of the state agencies that regulate parks and wildlife.

**COMMITTEES:** House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Soper and McCormick/Senator Marchman

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** Concerning including certain species under the authority of the state agencies that regulate parks and wildlife and requires a General Fund appropriation to study invertebrates.

**PROponents OF THE BILL:** conservation organizations and biodiversity proponents, DNR?

**POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS:** conservation organizations; farmers and ranchers

**BACKGROUND:** Imperiled or potentially imperiled plants are added to the species conservation trust fund, and this addition allows the money in the fund to be spent for conservation of these plants.

**Is this bill necessary this year?** There is no deadline.

**How does the bill change current law?** It adds invertebrates and rare plants to the protection of CPW and requires funding.

**Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system?** No

**How is the bill implemented?** It adds rare plants to the list and directs CPW to investigate and survey rare plants and invertebrates when it determines appropriate.

**Practical considerations:** Does this bill take money away from other species necessary for the development of important water projects?

**Fiscal Impact:** Imperiled or potentially imperiled plants are added to the species conservation trust fund, and this addition allows the money in the fund to be spent for conservation of these plants. I directs the General Assembly to appropriate money from the General Fund or the Wildlife Cash fund but not from hunting and fishing license fees. There is no fiscal note.