

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-third General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 21-0543.01 Ed DeCecco x4216

**HOUSE BILL 21-1040**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Will,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

Energy & Environment  
Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH**  
102                    **THE REINTRODUCTION OF GRAY WOLVES IN THE STATE BE PAID**  
103                    **EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE GENERAL FUND.**

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**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>.)*

At the 2020 general election, the voters approved proposition 114, which requires the reintroduction and management of gray wolves. The bill requires all costs for this program to be paid exclusively from the general fund, and this includes any losses of livestock caused by gray wolves.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-2-105.8, **amend**  
3 (2)(e) introductory portion, (2)(e)(II), and (4)(a) as follows:

4           **33-2-105.8. Reintroduction of gray wolves on designated lands**  
5 **west of the continental divide - public input in commission**  
6 **development of restoration plan - compensation to owners of**  
7 **livestock - definitions.** (2) Notwithstanding any provision of state law  
8 to the contrary, including section 33-2-105.5 (2), and in order to restore  
9 gray wolves to the state, the commission shall:

10           (e) Oversee gray wolf restoration and management, including the  
11 distribution of ~~state funds that are made available~~ MONEY APPROPRIATED  
12 FROM THE GENERAL FUND to:

13           (II) Pay fair compensation to owners of livestock for any losses  
14 of livestock caused by gray wolves, as verified pursuant to the claim  
15 procedures authorized by sections 33-3-107 to 33-3-110. ~~and, to the~~  
16 ~~extent they are available, from moneys in the wildlife cash fund as~~  
17 ~~provided in section 33-3-107 (2.5).~~

18           (4) In furtherance of this section and the expressed intent of  
19 voters, the general assembly:

20           (a) Shall make such appropriations EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE  
21 GENERAL FUND as are necessary to fund the programs authorized and  
22 obligations, including fair compensation for livestock losses that are  
23 authorized by this section, ~~but cannot be paid from moneys in the wildlife~~  
24 ~~cash fund~~, imposed by this section; and

25           **SECTION 2. 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, or safety.