



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1361

G&F; heritage fund; expenditures  
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## **OVERVIEW**

SB 1361 allows the Game and Fish Commission to use a portion of Heritage Fund monies on operations and maintenance of properties acquired with sensitive habitat.

## **PROVISIONS**

1. Reduces the required expenditure of Heritage Fund (fund) monies set aside for identification, inventory and acquisition of sensitive habitat to at least 20% for acquiring property used by endangered, threatened or candidate species.
  - Current law sets aside 60% of the funds and requires 40% to be used for property acquisition ([A.R.S. § 17-298](#)).
2. Allows no more than 20% of the monies to be used for operations and maintenance of acquired property, including the property's infrastructure.
  - Current law does not allow monies to be used for this purpose.
3. Requires the Commission to submit its final report regarding the Heritage Fund program and fund expenditures to the Secretary of State.
  - Current law requires the report to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature and specifies the required contents of the report ([A.R.S. § 17-298](#)).
4. Makes technical and conforming changes.

## **CURRENT LAW**

[A.R.S. § 5-572](#) allocates \$10 million a year from lottery ticket sales to the Heritage Fund for, among other uses, recovering threatened and endangered species.

Statute requires the fund monies to be spent as follows:

1. 5% for public access, including maintenance and operations expenses;
2. 60% for identification, inventory, acquisition and management of sensitive habitat;
3. 15% on habitat evaluation or habitat protection;
4. 15% on urban wildlife and urban wildlife habitat programs; and
5. 5% on environmental education.