

H.B. 378 seeks to expand the resources dedicated to the Species Protection Account, ensuring Utah's vulnerable wildlife receives the support needed for conservation efforts from responsible parties.

Why It Matters: Once a species is placed on the ESA threatened or endangered list, it becomes costly and difficult to become delisted or downlisted. Over the past five years, Utah has witnessed several species being proposed or listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA):

- **Monarch Butterfly** – Proposed for ESA Threatened
- **Suckley's Cuckoo Bumblebee** – Proposed for ESA Endangered
- **Silverspot Butterfly** – ESA Threatened
- **Wolverine** – ESA Threatened
- **Grey Wolves** – ESA Endangered
- **Canada Lynx** – ESA Endangered

10 Species Petitioned Under the ESA in the Last 5 Years

1. Pinyon Jay
2. Pygmy Rabbit
3. Wilson's Phalarope
4. Little Brown Bat
5. Hoary Bat
6. Arizona Toad
7. Western Bumblebee
8. Mojave Poppy Bee
9. American Bumblebee
10. Large Marble Butterfly

Species Rumored to be Petitioned Soon

- Many more insects and pollinators
- Eared Grebe