

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0198

University water system.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the University of Wyoming; clarifying
2 the authority of the university over water; making
3 conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-17-126 is created to read:

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9 **21-17-126. University water system.**

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11 (a) Subject to title 41 of the Wyoming statutes and
12 notwithstanding any municipal or county ordinance, the
13 University of Wyoming may:

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15 (i) Develop, drill, construct, operate, maintain
16 and use any water line, system, well or works on property

1 owned by the university for the purposes of distributing,
2 providing and using potable or nonpotable water on property
3 owned or leased by the university;

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5 (ii) Connect a building, facility, landscape,
6 lot, premises or structure owned by the university to any
7 water line, system, well or works operated, maintained or
8 used by the university.

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10 (b) No city or county shall restrict or prohibit the
11 university from developing, drilling, constructing,
12 operating, maintaining or using any water system
13 independent of the city's or county's water system.

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 15-7-701 by creating a new subsection
16 (d) is amended to read:

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18 **15-7-701. Authority to construct; rights of operator;**
19 **limitations; applicability.**

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21 (d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to
22 restrict, prohibit or otherwise affect the rights of the
23 University of Wyoming under W.S. 21-17-126.

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2 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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