

SENATE FILE NO. SF0082

Omnibus water bill-planning.

Sponsored by: Select Water Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing
 2 specified level I and level II studies; providing
 3 appropriations; requiring reports; providing for the
 4 reversion of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated
 5 funds to be used to complete other designated projects as
 6 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 [2025-2026 WATER PROGRAM]

11 [AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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13 **Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW**
 14 **DEVELOPMENT.** The following sums of money are appropriated
 15 from water development account I, as created by W.S.
 16 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be

1 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as
 2 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 3 section for a particular project that are in excess of the
 4 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
 5 to the review and recommendation of the select water
 6 committee, be expended by the commission to complete the
 7 reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this
 8 section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior
 9 to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water development account
 10 I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature
 11 on each of the following studies prior to the 2027
 12 legislative session:

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14 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Hulett Water Master Plan	Crook County	\$166,000
UW Water Research Program	Statewide	<u>\$368,998</u>
Total appropriation for Section 1		<u>\$534,998</u>

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22 **Section 2.** LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -

23 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are
 24 appropriated from water development account II, as created
 25 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development

1 commission to be expended to conduct the following
 2 reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds
 3 appropriated under this section for a particular project
 4 that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to
 5 complete the study may, subject to the review and
 6 recommendation of the select water committee, be expended
 7 by the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for
 8 any other project listed in this section. Appropriated
 9 funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 shall
 10 revert to water development account II. The commission
 11 shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the
 12 following studies prior to the 2027 legislative session.

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14 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Pioneer Canal Lake Hattie Irrigation District Master Plan	Albany County	\$236,000
Smith's Fork Irrigation District Master Plan	Lincoln County	\$272,000
Wheatland Irrigation District Master Plan	Albany, Carbon, Platte Counties	<u>\$472,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 2		<u>\$980,000</u>

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26 **Section 3. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND**

27 RESERVOIRS. The following sums of money are appropriated

28 from water development account III, as created by W.S.

1 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be
 2 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
 3 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Appropriated funds not expended
 4 or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water
 5 development account III. The commission shall submit a
 6 report to the legislature on each of the following studies
 7 prior to the 2027 legislative session.

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9 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

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11	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
12	Middle Popo Agie River	Fremont County	\$551,000
14	Storage Study		
15	Total appropriation for Section 3		\$551,000

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

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22 (END)