

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0100

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 and providing  
3 appropriations; requiring reports; providing for reversion  
4 of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be  
5 used to complete other designated project studies under  
6 certain conditions; 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 **Section 1.** 2002 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 7,

11 Sections 2 through 5 are amended to read:

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13 [AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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

16 NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are

17 appropriated from water development account I to

1 the commission to be expended to conduct the  
 2 following reconnaissance studies as defined in  
 3 W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this  
 4 section for a particular project which are in  
 5 excess of the actual amount necessary to complete  
 6 the study may, subject to the review of the  
 7 select water committee, be expended by the  
 8 commission to complete the reconnaissance study  
 9 for any other project listed in this section.  
 10 Appropriated funds not expended prior to July 1,  
 11 2004, shall revert to water development account  
 12 I. The commission shall submit a report to the  
 13 legislature on each of the following studies  
 14 prior to the 2004 legislative session.

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16 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW  
 17 DEVELOPMENT]

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19 <u>PROJECT</u>	20 <u>LOCATION</u>	21 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
22 Baggs Master Plan	Carbon County	\$ 40,000
23 <u>Beulah Water Supply</u>	<u>Crook County</u>	<u>40,000</u>
24 <u>Cokeville Reservoir</u>	<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>200,000</u>
25 Green River Groundwater Recharge And Alternate Storage	Sublette County	50,000
26 <u>Platte-Goshen Regional</u> 27 <u>Master Plan</u>	<u>Goshen &amp; Platte Counties</u>	<u>150,000</u>
28 Powder River Water Supply	Natrona County	40,000
29 South Garden Creek Water Supply	Natrona County	100,000
30 University of Wyoming Research	Statewide	<u>200,000</u>
31		<u>400,000</u>
32 Total appropriation for Section 2		<u>\$430,000</u>

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**Section 3. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -**

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REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are

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[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -

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REHABILITATION]

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PROJECT

LOCATION

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Alta Master Plan

Teton County

\$50,000

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Hot Springs State Park, Big

Hot Springs County

50,000

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1	Springs Study		
2	<u>Kirby Creek Watershed Plan</u>	<u>Hot Springs County</u>	<u>175,000</u>
3	<u>Kennington Springs Master Plan</u>	<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>40,000</u>
4	<u>North Canal - Grover</u>	<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>60,000</u>
5	<u>North Platte River Basin Plan</u>	<u>N. Platte Basin Counties</u>	<u>600,000</u>
6	<u>Owl Creek Master Plan</u>	<u>Hot Springs County</u>	<u>150,000</u>
7	Ranchester Master Plan	Sheridan County	75,000
8	Saratoga Master Plan Update	Carbon County	60,000
9	Tensleep/Hyattville Master Plan	Washakie/Bighorn Co.	75,000
10	<del>Wagner-Wagoner</del> /Cherokee Irrigation	Carbon County	40,000
11	Master Plan		
12	York/South Side Ditch Master Plan	Sheridan County	60,000
13	Total appropriation for Section 3		<u>\$410,000</u>
14			<u>\$1,435,000</u>
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17                   NEW DEVELOPMENT.    The following sums of money are

18                   appropriated from water development account I to

19                   the commission to be expended to conduct the

20                   following feasibility studies as defined in W.S.

21                   41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section

22                   for a particular project which are in excess of

23                   the actual amount necessary to complete the study

24                   may, subject to the review of the select water

25                   committee, be expended by the commission to

26                   complete the feasibility study for any other

27                   project listed in this section. Appropriated

28                   funds not expended prior to July 1, 2004, shall

29                   revert to water development account I. The

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31                   legislature on each of the following studies

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[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Bairoil Master Plan	Sweetwater County	\$40,000
Big Horn Regional Water Supply	Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn Counties	675,000
<u>Bridger Valley Reservoir</u>	<u>Uinta County</u>	<u>125,000</u>
Buffalo Tank	Johnson County	50,000
<u>Canyon/Sunset Newcastle Area Water Supply</u>	<u>Weston County</u>	<u>75,000</u>
Cheyenne Hydropower 1.	Laramie County	60,000
Coal Bed Methane Aquifer Storage Retrieval	Campbell County	510,000
Dayton Groundwater	Sheridan County	460,000
Dubois Regional Water Supply	Fremont County	<del>75,000</del> <u>95,000</u>
Greybull Raw Water	Big Horn County	50,000
Greybull Valley ID Hydropower 1.	Park, Big Horn Counties	60,000
Irrigation Hydropower 1.	Park, Big Horn Counties	50,000
Lander Paleozoic Well	Fremont County	<del>40,000</del> <u>580,000</u>
Little Snake River Dams	Carbon County	<del>80,000</del> <u>130,000</u>
Lovell ID Hydropower 1.	Big Horn County	60,000
North Alpine Water Supply 2.	Lincoln County	60,000
Pinedale Hydropower 1.	Sublette County	40,000
Pine Haven Well	Crook County	575,000
<u>Saratoga Groundwater</u>	<u>Carbon County</u>	<u>180,000</u>
Sheridan Hydropower 1.	Sheridan County	50,000
<u>South Garden Creek</u>	<u>Natrona County</u>	<u>100,000</u>
<u>Ten Sleep Water Supply</u>	<u>Washakie County</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Viva Naughton Enlargement	Lincoln County	300,000
Hold Projects*	Statewide	15,000
Total appropriation for Section 4		<del>\$3,250,000</del> <u>\$4,420,000</u>

39 1. Hydropower study project sponsors must execute a project  
40 agreement with the commission that stipulates that the cost  
41 of the study shall be repaid, with interest at a rate of  
42 ~~seven and one quarter percent (7.25%)~~ six percent (6%),  
43 when power facilities described in the study are  
44 constructed. Interest shall accrue when construction is  
45 completed and power revenues are earned by the sponsor. If

1 the power facilities are not constructed, the sponsor will  
2 not be required to pay for the cost of the study.

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4 2. The sponsor must first acquire ownership of the existing  
5 water system before the study can begin.

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7 \*Hold projects include: Blackwillow, Rock Springs East,  
8 Bridger Valley and Hawk Springs Water Supply Projects, Crow  
9 Creek Groundwater Recharge, Goshen Reregulating Reservoir,  
10 Middle Fork Dam, North Cheyenne and Smith's Fork Dam  
11 Projects.

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13 **Section 5.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -  
14 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are  
15 appropriated from water development account II to  
16 the commission to be expended to conduct the  
17 following feasibility studies as defined in W.S.  
18 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section  
19 for a particular project which are in excess of  
20 the actual amount necessary to complete the study  
21 may, subject to the review of the select water  
22 committee, be expended by the commission to  
23 complete the feasibility study for any other  
24 project listed in this section. Appropriated  
25 funds not expended prior to July 1, 2004, shall  
26 revert to water development account II. The

1 commission shall submit a report to the  
 2 legislature on each of the following studies  
 3 prior to the 2004 legislative session.

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5 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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7 <u>PROJECT</u>	8 <u>LOCATION</u>	9 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
10 Albin Water Supply Rehabilitation	Laramie County	\$160,000
11 <u>Alta Groundwater Supply 2.</u>	<u>Teton County</u>	<u>166,000</u>
12 Byron Raw Water Supply	Big Horn County	40,000
13 Green River Supply Canal	Sublette County	200,000
14 <u>Guernsey Hydraulic Study</u>	<u>Platte County</u>	<u>40,000</u>
15 Hidden Valley Pipeline	Fremont County	100,000
16 Highline Canal	Big Horn County	50,000
17 Lake DeSmet Master Plan and 18 Reservoir Rehabilitation 19 Plan 1.	Johnson, Sheridan, Campbell Counties	100,000
20 <u>Midvale Conservation Program</u>	<u>Fremont County</u>	<u>300,000</u>
21 <u>Lake Hattie Outlet Works</u>	<u>Albany County</u>	<u>60,000</u>
22 LeClair Laterals	Fremont County	50,000
23 <u>Ranchester Master Plan 3.</u>	<u>Sheridan County</u>	<u>80,000</u>
24 Riverton Valley Rehab #II, 25 Phase II	Fremont County	40,000
26 <u>Wagoner/Cherokee Master Plan 2.</u>	<u>Carbon County</u>	<u>70,000</u>
27 West Side Canal, Jon's Drop 28 And Four-mile Flume	Carbon County	<u>25,000</u>
29 Total appropriation for Section 5		<u>\$765,000</u>
30		<u>\$1,481,000</u>

31 1. The project sponsor for the Lake DeSmet Master Plan and  
 32 Reservoir Rehabilitation Plan shall execute a project  
 33 agreement with the commission which stipulates that the  
 34 cost of the study shall be repaid with interest at a rate  
 35 of seven and one-quarter percent (7.25%). Repayment of the  
 36 study is only required if the sponsor receives revenue from  
 37 a multi-year term water sales agreement for purchase of  
 38 Lake DeSmet water. Interest shall accrue upon execution of  
 39 a long-term contract. If the sponsor does not enter into a

1 long-term contract, the sponsor shall not be required to  
2 pay for the study.

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4 2. The sponsor shall first form a public entity prior to  
5 commencement of the study.

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7 3. The following shall apply to the Ranchester Master  
8 Plan:

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10 (a) Use of funds for further study of raw water and  
11 treatment plant issues will only be authorized if:

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13 (i) It is shown that the well being drilled  
14 west of the town of Dayton cannot meet the short-term and  
15 long-term needs of both the towns of Dayton and Ranchester;

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17 (ii) It is shown that it is less expensive for  
18 Ranchester to be served via the water treatment plant with  
19 the improvements recommended in the Level I Study than the  
20 well; or

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22 (iii) After a concerted effort by both of the  
23 towns of Dayton and Ranchester, negotiations relating to  
24 joint use of the well prove unsuccessful.

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26 (b) Use of funds for further study of emergency  
27 power, water distribution and water storage issues will be



1 authorized regardless of the outcome of subsection (a) of  
2 this footnote.

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

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