

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0198

University water system.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas, Brown, Burkhart,  
Kinner and Walters and Senator(s) Perkins  
and Wasserburger

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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1           (i) Develop, drill, construct, operate, maintain  
2 and use any water line, system, well or works on property  
3 owned by the university for the purposes of distributing,  
4 providing and using nonpotable water on property owned or  
5 leased by the university for miscellaneous use where water  
6 is to be used for landscape watering, lawns, athletic  
7 fields, trees, shrubs and flowers;

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9           (ii) Connect a building, facility, landscape,  
10 lot, premises or structure owned by the university to any  
11 water line, system, well or works operated, maintained or  
12 used by the university.

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14           (b) No city or county shall restrict or prohibit the  
15 university from developing, drilling, constructing,  
16 operating, maintaining or using any water system  
17 independent of the city's or county's water system.

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

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22           **15-7-701. Authority to construct; rights of operator;**  
23 **limitations; applicability.**

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

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

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