

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0073

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; providing an appropriation for the office of
 7 water programs; extending reversion and study dates; and
 8 providing for an effective date.

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

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[2022-2023 WATER PROGRAM]

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[AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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15 **Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW**
 16 **DEVELOPMENT.** The following sums of money are appropriated

1 from water development account I, as created by W.S.
 2 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
 3 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as
 4 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 5 section for a particular study that are in excess of the
 6 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
 7 to the review and recommendation of the select water
 8 committee, be expended by the commission to complete any
 9 other reconnaissance study listed in this section.
 10 Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July
 11 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account I. The
 12 commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each
 13 of the following studies prior to the 2024 legislative
 14 session:

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16 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Clarks Fork Upper Shoshone Watershed Study	Park County	\$396,000
Dayton Water Master Plan	Sheridan County	\$167,000
Riverton Regional Water Master Plan	Fremont County	\$256,000
UW Water Research Program	Statewide	<u>\$310,277</u>
Total appropriation for Section 1		\$1,129,277

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28 **Section 2.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW

29 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated

1 from water development account I, as created by W.S.
 2 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
 3 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
 4 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 5 section for a particular study that are in excess of the
 6 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
 7 to the review and recommendation of the select water
 8 committee, be expended by the commission to complete any
 9 other feasibility study listed in this section.
 10 Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July
 11 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account I. The
 12 commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each
 13 of the following studies prior to the 2024 legislative
 14 session:

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16 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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18 <u>PROJECT</u>	19 <u>LOCATION</u>	20 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
21 Cloud Seeding: Operations		
22 Hydrological Assessment Medicine		
23 Bow & Sierra Madre Mountain	Albany and Carbon	
24 Ranges	Counties	\$300,000
25 Fontenelle Reservoir Storage	Lincoln and Sweetwater	
26 Counties		\$1,700,000
27 LaGrange Groundwater Supply		
28 & Improvements	Goshen County	\$725,000
29 Pavillion Groundwater Supply	Fremont County	\$687,000
30 Total appropriation for Section 2		\$3,412,000

1 **Section 3. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -**
2 **REHABILITATION.** The following sums of money are
3 appropriated from water development account II, as created
4 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development
5 commission to be expended to conduct the following
6 reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds
7 appropriated under this section for a particular study that
8 are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete
9 the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of
10 the select water committee, be expended by the commission
11 to complete any other reconnaissance study listed in this
12 section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior
13 to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account
14 II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature
15 on each of the following studies prior to the 2024
16 legislative session:

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18 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Critical Aging Irrigation		
Infrastructure Assessment	Statewide	\$500,000
West Afton/Nield String		
Master Plan	Lincoln County	<u>\$88,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 3		\$588,000

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1 **Section 4.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -
 2 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are
 3 appropriated from water development account II, as created
 4 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development
 5 commission to be expended to conduct the following
 6 feasibility study as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Appropriated
 7 funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall
 8 revert to water development account II. The commission
 9 shall submit a report to the legislature on the following
 10 study prior to the 2024 legislative session:

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12 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

13	14 <u>PROJECT</u>	15 <u>LOCATION</u>	16 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
16	Dowlin Diversion Rehabilitation	Albany County	\$110,000
17	Total appropriation for Section 4		\$110,000

19 **Section 5.** There is appropriated one hundred
 20 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) to the water
 21 development commission from water development account I, as
 22 created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to fund the office of water
 23 programs established under W.S. 41-2-125 for the period
 24 beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. This
 25 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
 26 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds

1 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
2 by law on June 30, 2024.

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4 **Section 6.** 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 65,
5 Section 5 is amended to read:

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7 **Section 5.**

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9 LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND
10 RESERVOIRS.

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12 (a) The following sums of money are
13 appropriated from water development account III,
14 as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water
15 development commission to be expended to conduct
16 the following feasibility studies as defined in
17 W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
18 section for a particular project ~~which~~that are
19 in excess of the actual amount necessary to
20 complete the study may, subject to the review of
21 the select water committee, be expended by the
22 commission to complete ~~the any other~~ feasibility
23 study ~~for any other project~~ listed in this

1 section. ~~Appropriated~~ Except as provided in
 2 subsection (b), appropriated funds not obligated
 3 prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
 4 development account III. ~~The~~ Except as provided
 5 in subsection (b), the commission shall submit a
 6 report to the legislature on each of the
 7 following studies prior to the 2021 legislative
 8 session:

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10 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND
 11 RESERVOIRS]

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13 PROJECT	LOCATION	APPROPRIATION
15 Big Wind River Storage Study, Fremont County 16 Phase II		\$475,000
17 Greybull Valley ID Storage 18 Enlargement, Phase II	Big Horn and Park Counties	\$500,000
19 Little Wind River Storage 20 Study, Phase II	Fremont County	\$475,000 <u>\$625,000</u>
21 New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement, Sublette County 22 Phase II		\$450,000
23 Stateline Dam Enlargement, 24 Phase II	Uinta County	\$300,000 ^{*1}
25 West Fork Reservoir, Phase III	Carbon County	<u>\$6,220,000</u>
26 Total <u>2017</u> appropriation for Section 5		\$8,420,000
27 <u>Total 2022 appropriation for Section 5</u>		<u>\$150,000</u>

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30 ~~(a)~~(1) Funds from this appropriation shall not be expended
 31 until the water development commission has accepted the
 32 Level II, Phase I Meeks Cabin Dam Enlargement study.

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1 (b) Funds not obligated prior to July 1,
2 2027, for the Little Wind River Storage Study,
3 Phase II and the West Fork Reservoir, Phase III
4 studies, shall revert to water development
5 account III. The commission shall submit a report
6 to the legislature on each of these studies prior
7 to the 2026 legislative session.

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

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