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Chapter No.: 182

Prime Sponsor: Sommers

Catch Title: Colorado river advisory committee.

Subject: Colorado river advisory committee.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the Colorado River Advisory Committee within the State Engineer's Office and specifies the membership and duties of the Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the governor, the state engineer and Wyoming's commissioner to the Upper Colorado River Commission regarding the beneficial use, development, protection and conservation of water from the Green and Little Snake rivers relative to Wyoming's rights and obligations under the 1922 Colorado River Compact and the 1948 Upper Colorado River Basin Compact.
- The act specifies the duties of the state engineer regarding the Committee including providing data to and seeking advice from the Committee. The act requires the state engineer to designate an employee to provide information and data to the Committee and to act as a liaison between the state engineer and water users in Wyoming's portion of the Colorado River Basin.
- The act provides an appropriation for the Committee and for the additional employee that is authorized in the State Engineer's Office. The act requires the state engineer to report on the recommendations and advice provided by the Committee to the Select Water Committee.

Comments:

- Requires a report.
- Creates a Select Committee or Task Force with legislative members.
- Requires a legislative appointment.

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