

**FISCAL NOTE**

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Revenue (decrease)			
WATER DEVELOPMENT I	(\$570,000)	(\$570,000)	(\$570,000)

Source of revenue decrease:

The decrease in revenue would come as result of the prohibition of our annual Cloud Seeding Operations. This prohibition would result in the loss of grant money received from funding partners outside of the State’s annual appropriation. These funding partners include entities from the Lower Colorado River Basin (California’s Six Agency Committee, Central Arizona Water Conservation District, and the Southern Nevada Water Authority), the City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities and local southwestern Wyoming stakeholders (Green River-Rock Springs-Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board, Rocky Mountain Power and the Wyoming Mining Association).

Assumptions:

If the Wyoming Water Development Commission’s (WWDC) annual Cloud Seeding Operations, including the ground-based program to augment snowpack in the Colorado River Basin (Wind River and Sierra Madre Mountain Ranges) and aerial program to augment snowpack in the Medicine Bow and Sierra Madre Mountain Ranges were prohibited, the WWDC would lose the annual contributions from funding partners outside of the State’s annual appropriation. The decreased revenue would be comprised of \$500,000 from entities in the Lower Colorado River Basin, \$50,000 from the City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities and \$20,000 from local southwestern Wyoming stakeholders. These are annual contributions.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
WATER DEVELOPMENT I	\$150,000	\$0	\$0

Source of Expenditure Increase:

The increased expenditure is due to the reclamation of 13 sites/stations used in WWDC’s annual ground-based Cloud Seeding Operations. A prohibition of the WWDC’s annual Cloud Seeding Operations would require the reclamation of these ground-based generator sites including the removal of equipment (scaffolding, 20-foot tower, burner assembly, tanks, batteries, satellite modem and computer boards).

Assumptions:

The latest estimates from WWDC’s contractor indicate a cost of roughly \$150,000 to complete this equipment removal and reclamation of sites. The WWDC would require additional spending authority from Water Development Account I. This request for additional spending authority is included in the WWDC’s Agency Estimate of Administrative Impact indicated below.

**NOTICE-AGENCY ESTIMATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT REQUESTED**

This bill has administrative impact that appears to increase duties or responsibilities of one or more state agencies and may impact agency spending or staffing requirements. As introduced, the bill does not modify any state agency budget or current personnel authorizations.

The following state agencies will be asked to provide their estimate of the administrative fiscal impact prior to the first committee meeting held to consider the bill:

Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Water Development Commission

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