

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill contains an appropriation of \$6,205,550 from the WATER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT I to the Water Development Commission. This appropriation is effective immediately.

This bill contains an appropriation of \$22,659,625 from the WATER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT II to the Water Development Commission. This appropriation is effective immediately.

This bill contains an appropriation of \$155,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Water Development Commission. This appropriation is effective immediately.

This bill authorizes a transfer of \$16,000,000 from WATER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT I to WATER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT II. This authorization is effective immediately.

**DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION**

Agency #: 029                      Agency Name: Water Development Commission

Unit: (new) numerous

<b>EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
0600 Grant & Aid Payments	\$1,598,259	\$10,102,811	\$17,319,105
Total Expenditure Per Year:	\$1,598,259	\$10,102,811	\$17,319,105
Grand Total Expenditure:	\$29,020,175		
Total Appropriated to Agency:	\$29,020,175		
Total Appropriated by Fund:			
WATER DEVELOPMENT I	\$6,205,550		
WATER DEVELOPMENT II	\$22,659,625		
GENERAL FUND	\$155,000		

**Description of appropriations:**

The majority of the appropriations will be expended as 0600 series Grant & Aid payments to project sponsors (municipalities, irrigation districts, and special districts) for the design, permit procurement, land acquisition, construction engineering and construction of new water development, water rehabilitation, and water storage projects. Funds will also be expended for ground-based cloud seeding operations in the winter of 2026/27. General funds will be expended by the University of Wyoming Water Research Program for a forest management/water yield study.

This bill is effective immediately. It is anticipated that a total of \$1,598,259 (\$155,000 from the General Fund, \$310,278 from Water Development Account I, and \$1,132,981 from Water Development Account II) will be expended before July 1, 2026.

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