

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0087

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 an existing level II study; 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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12 [2026-2027 WATER PROGRAM]

13 [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 project 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 the
9 reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this
10 section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior
11 to July 1, 2029 shall revert to water development account
12 I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature
13 on each of the following studies prior to the 2028
14 legislative session:

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16 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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18	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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20	Grover Water Master Plan	Lincoln County	\$165,000
21	Kemmerer-Diamondville		
22	Water Master Plan	Lincoln County	\$292,000
23	Laramie Water Master Plan	Albany County	\$276,000
24	Medicine Bow Water Master Plan	Carbon County	\$174,000
25	Pine Bluffs Water Master Plan	Laramie County	\$169,000
26	Superior Water Master Plan	Sweetwater County	\$259,000
27	UW Water Research Program	Statewide	\$374,997
28	Worland Water Master Plan	Washakie County	\$263,000
29	Yoder Water Master Plan	Goshen County	\$214,000
30	Total appropriation for Section 1		\$2,186,997

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

3 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated
4 from water development account I, as created by W.S.
5 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
6 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
7 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
8 section for a particular project that are in excess of the
9 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
10 to the review and recommendation of the select water
11 committee, be expended by the commission to complete the
12 feasibility study for any other project listed in this
13 section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior
14 to July 1, 2029 shall revert to water development account
15 I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature
16 on each of the following studies prior to the 2028
17 legislative session:

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19 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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21 <u>PROJECT</u>	22 <u>LOCATION</u>	23 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
24 Bedford and Turnerville 25 Regional Supply	25 Lincoln County	25 \$327,000
25 Total appropriation for Section 2		25 \$327,000

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2 **Section 3. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -**

3 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are

4 appropriated from water development account II, as created

5 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development

6 commission to be expended to conduct the following

7 reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds

8 appropriated under this section for a particular project

9 that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to

10 complete the study may, subject to the review and

11 recommendation of the select water committee, be expended

12 by the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for

13 any other project listed in this section. Appropriated

14 funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2029 shall

15 revert to water development account II. The commission

16 shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the

17 following studies prior to the 2028 legislative session:

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19 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

20 <u>PROJECT</u>	21 <u>LOCATION</u>	22 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
22 Shoshone Irrigation District		
23 Master Plan	Park County	\$470,000
24 Total appropriation for Section 3		\$470,000

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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 studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds

7 appropriated under this section for a particular project

8 that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to

9 complete the study may, subject to the review and

10 recommendation of the select water committee, be expended

11 by the commission to complete the feasibility study for any

12 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds

13 not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2029 shall

14 revert to water development account II. The commission

15 shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the

16 following studies prior to the 2028 legislative session:

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18 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

19 <u>PROJECT</u>	20 <u>LOCATION</u>	21 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
22 Casper Alcova Irrigation District		
23 Lateral Rehabilitation	Natrona County	\$308,000
24 Wheatland Source and Transmission		
25 Evaluation	Platte County	\$220,000
26 Total appropriation for Section 4		\$528,000

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1 **Section 5.** There is appropriated one hundred seventy
2 five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) to the water
3 development commission from water development account I, as
4 created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to fund the office of water
5 programs established under W.S. 41-2-125 for the period
6 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. This
7 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
8 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
9 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
10 by law on June 30, 2028.

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12 **Section 6.** 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 11,
13 Section 5, as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
14 186, Section 7 is amended to read:

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16 **Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -**

17 **DAMS AND RESERVOIRS.** In the 2015 Omnibus water
18 bill - planning, 2015 Wyoming Session Laws,
19 Chapter 168, Section 5, the following sums of
20 money are appropriated from water development
21 account III, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(iii),
22 to the water development commission to be
23 expended to conduct the following feasibility

1 studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. A three (3)
2 year time extension is granted for the Shell
3 Valley Storage - Leavitt Reservoir project and
4 appropriated funds for that project not obligated
5 prior to July 1, 2021 shall revert to water
6 development account III. A six (6) year time
7 extension is granted for the Clear Creek Storage
8 project and funds appropriated for the project
9 but not obligated prior to July 1, 2024 shall
10 revert to water development account III. A **seven**
11 ~~(7)~~**nine** ~~(9)~~ year time extension is granted for
12 the Nowood River Storage - Alkali Cr. project and
13 funds appropriated for the project but not
14 obligated prior to ~~July 1, 2025~~ **July 1, 2027**
15 shall revert to water development account III.
16 The commission shall submit a report to the
17 legislature prior to the 2020 legislative
18 session: on the Shell Valley Storage - Leavitt
19 Reservoir project study; prior to the 2023
20 legislative session on the Clear Creek Storage
21 study; and prior to the ~~2024~~**2026** legislative
22 session on the Nowood River Storage - Alkali Cr.
23 study.

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2 [LEVEL III FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

3	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
4	Clear Creek Storage	Johnson County	\$700,000
5	Nowood River Storage -	Big Horn,	
6	Alkali Cr.	Washakie Counties	\$4,420,000
7	Shell Valley Storage -	Big Horn County	<u>\$5,995,000</u>
8	Leavitt Reservoir		\$4,500,000
9	Total 2015 appropriation for Section 5		\$9,200,000
10	Total 2018 appropriation for Section 5		\$0
11	Total 2021 appropriation for Section 5		\$0
12	Total 2023 appropriation for Section 5		\$420,000
13	Total 2026 appropriation for Section 5		<u>\$1,575,000</u>
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16 **Section 7.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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