

## 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>
19			
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 - NEW3 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>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
22			
23	Bedford and Turnerville		
24	Regional Supply	Lincoln County	\$327,000
25	Total appropriation for Section 2		\$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>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
21			
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>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
20			
21	Casper Alcova Irrigation District		
22	Lateral Rehabilitation	Natrona County	\$308,000
23	Wheatland Source and Transmission		
24	Evaluation	Platte County	\$220,000
25	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 II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

3	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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5	Clear Creek Storage	Johnson County	\$700,000
6	Nowood River Storage -	Big Horn,	
7	Alkali Cr.	Washakie Counties	<del>\$4,420,000</del> <u>\$5,995,000</u>
8	Shell Valley Storage -	Big Horn County	
9	Leavitt Reservoir		<u>\$4,500,000</u>
10	Total 2015 appropriation for Section 5		\$9,200,000
11	Total 2018 appropriation for Section 5		\$0
12	Total 2021 appropriation for Section 5		\$0
13	Total 2023 appropriation for Section 5		\$420,000
14	<u>Total 2026 appropriation for Section 5</u>		<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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