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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

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; and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 [2025-2026 WATER PROGRAM]

11 [AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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1 **Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW**
2 **DEVELOPMENT.** The following sums of money are appropriated
3 from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-
4 124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
5 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as
6 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
7 section for a particular project that are in excess of the
8 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
9 to the review and recommendation of the select water
10 committee, be expended by the commission to complete the
11 reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this
12 section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior
13 to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water development account
14 I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature
15 on each of the following studies prior to the 2027
16 legislative session:

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18 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]
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| <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Hulett Water Master Plan | Crook County | \$166,000 |
| UW Water Research Program | Statewide | <u>\$368,998</u> |
| Total appropriation for Section 1 | | \$534,998 |

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1 **Section 2.** LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE 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 reconnaissance 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 reconnaissance study for
12 any other project listed in this section. Appropriated
13 funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 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 2027 legislative session.

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18 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

| 19 | <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> |
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| 20 | | | |
| 21 | Pioneer Canal Lake Hattie | | |
| 22 | Irrigation District Master Plan | Albany County | \$236,000 |
| 23 | Smith's Fork Irrigation District | | |
| 24 | Master Plan | Lincoln County | \$272,000 |
| 25 | Wheatland Irrigation District | Albany, Carbon, | |
| 26 | Master Plan | Platte Counties | <u>\$472,000</u> |
| 27 | Total appropriation for Section 2 | | <u>\$980,000</u> |
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