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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; 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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2 **Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW**3 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated

4 from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-

5 124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be

6 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance 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 reconnaissance 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 I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Grover Water Master Plan	Lincoln County	\$165,000
Kemmerer-Diamondville		
Water Master Plan	Lincoln County	\$292,000
Laramie Water Master Plan	Albany County	\$276,000

1	Medicine Bow Water Master Plan	Carbon County	\$174,000
2	Pine Bluffs Water Master Plan	Laramie County	\$169,000
3	Superior Water Master Plan	Sweetwater County	\$259,000
4	UW Water Research Program	Statewide	\$ TBD
5	Worland Water Master Plan	Washakie County	\$263,000
6	Yoder Water Master Plan	Goshen County	\$214,000
7	Total appropriation for Section 1		\$ TBD

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

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

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26 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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

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

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

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25 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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

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Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -

REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete the feasibility study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2029 shall revert to water development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2028 legislative session:

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[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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1	Casper Alcova Irrigation District		
2	Lateral Rehabilitation	Natrona County	\$308,000
3	Wheatland Source and Transmission		
4	Evaluation	Platte County	<u>\$220,000</u>
5	Total appropriation for Section 4		<u>\$528,000</u>

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

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18 **Section 6.** 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 11,
19 Section 5, as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
20 186, Section 7 is amended to read:

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22 **Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -**
23 DAMS AND RESERVOIRS. In the 2015 Omnibus water
24 bill - planning, 2015 Wyoming Session Laws,
25 Chapter 168, Section 5, the following sums of

1 money are appropriated from water development
2 account III, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(iii),
3 to the water development commission to be
4 expended to conduct the following feasibility
5 studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. A three (3)
6 year time extension is granted for the Shell
7 Valley Storage - Leavitt Reservoir project and
8 appropriated funds for that project not obligated
9 prior to July 1, 2021 shall revert to water
10 development account III. A six (6) year time
11 extension is granted for the Clear Creek Storage
12 project and funds appropriated for the project
13 but not obligated prior to July 1, 2024 shall
14 revert to water development account III. A ~~seven~~
15 ~~(7)~~ nine (9) year time extension is granted for
16 the Nowood River Storage - Alkali Cr. project and
17 funds appropriated for the project but not
18 obligated prior to ~~July 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2027
19 shall revert to water development account III.
20 The commission shall submit a report to the
21 legislature prior to the 2020 legislative
22 session: on the Shell Valley Storage - Leavitt
23 Reservoir project study; prior to the 2023

1 legislative session on the Clear Creek Storage
 2 study; and prior to the ~~2024~~2026 legislative
 3 session on the Nowood River Storage - Alkali Cr.
 4 study.

6 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

7 <u>PROJECT</u>	8 <u>LOCATION</u>	9 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
10 Clear Creek Storage	Johnson County	\$700,000
11 Nowood River Storage -	Big Horn,	
12 Alkali Cr.	Washakie Counties	\$4,420,000 <u>\$5,995,000</u>
13 Shell Valley Storage -	Big Horn County	
14 Leavitt Reservoir		<u>\$4,500,000</u>
15 Total 2015 appropriation for Section 5		\$9,200,000
16 Total 2018 appropriation for Section 5		\$0
17 Total 2021 appropriation for Section 5		\$0
18 Total 2023 appropriation for Section 5		\$420,000
19 <u>Total 2026 appropriation for Section 5</u>		<u>\$1,575,000</u>

20 **Section 7.** This act is effective immediately upon
 21 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
 22 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
 23 Constitution.

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25 (END)