

SENATE FILE NO. SF0053

Office of water programs.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Geis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water; creating an office of water
2 programs as specified; providing for contract authority;
3 and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 41-2-125 is created to read:

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9 **41-2-125. Office of water programs created; duties;**
10 **annual report.**

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12 (a) There is created the office of water programs
13 within the office of research at the University of Wyoming.

14 The office of water programs shall:

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16 (i) Work directly with the director of the
17 Wyoming water development office to identify research needs

1 of state and federal agencies regarding Wyoming's water
2 resources, including funding under the National Institutes
3 of Water Resources (NIWR);

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5 (ii) Serve as a point of coordination for and to
6 encourage research activities by the University of Wyoming
7 to address the research needs identified in paragraph (i)
8 of this subsection;

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10 (iii) In conjunction with the Wyoming water
11 development office, submit a report annually prior to each
12 legislative session to the select water committee and the
13 Wyoming water development commission on the activities of
14 the office.

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16 **Section 2.** The Wyoming water development commission
17 is authorized to contract with the University of Wyoming in
18 an amount not to exceed one hundred ten thousand dollars
19 (\$110,000.00) from water development account I to fund the
20 office of water programs established by this act from July
21 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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