

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0118

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 and providing
3 appropriations; providing definitions; requiring reports;
4 providing for reversion of unexpended funds; providing an
5 appropriation for the office of water programs; and
6 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 [2004-2005 WATER PROGRAM]

11 [DEFINITIONS]

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13 **Section 1.** Definitions.

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15 (a) As used in this act:

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1 (ii) "Commission" means the Wyoming water
2 development commission created by W.S. 41-2-117;

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4 (ii) "Hold project" means a project which has
5 had a previous legislative funding authorization for a
6 study at the same level authorized by this act, but has
7 been placed on hold status as a result of outstanding
8 issues which warrant limiting future expenditures until the
9 issues are resolved. Hold status serves to document
10 commission or sponsor interest in a project subject to
11 resolution of issues;

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13 (iii) "Water development account I" means the
14 account created by W.S. 41-2-124(a) (i);

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16 (iv) "Water development account II" means the
17 account created by W.S. 41-2-124(a) (ii).

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19 [AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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21 **Section 2. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW**
22 **DEVELOPMENT.** The following sums of money are appropriated
23 from water development account I to the commission to be
24 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as

1 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
2 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
3 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
4 to the review of the select water committee, be expended by
5 the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any
6 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
7 not expended prior to July 1, 2006, shall revert to water
8 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
9 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior
10 to the 2006 legislative session.

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12 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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14 <u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
15		
16 Crook County Reservoirs & Water	Crook County	\$150,000
17 Management Study		
18 Kirby Area Water Supply Study	Washakie County	150,000
19 Statewide Water Research	Statewide	200,000
20 Westside Irrigation NEPA	Washakie County	<u>250,000</u>
21 Total appropriation for Section 2		\$750,000

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23 **Section 3.** LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -
24 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are
25 appropriated from water development account II to the

1 commission to be expended to conduct the following
 2 reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds
 3 appropriated under this section for a particular project
 4 which are in excess of the actual amount necessary to
 5 complete the study may, subject to the review of the select
 6 water committee, be expended by the commission to complete
 7 the reconnaissance study for any other project listed in
 8 this section. Appropriated funds not expended prior to July
 9 1, 2006, shall revert to water development account II. The
 10 commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each
 11 of the following studies prior to the 2006 legislative
 12 session.

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14 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -
 15 REHABILITATION]

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17 <u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
19 Crowheart/Dinwoody Delivery	Fremont County	<u>150,000</u>
20 Total appropriation for Section 3		\$150,000

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22 **Section 4.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW
 23 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated
 24 from water development account I to the commission to be
 25 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as

1 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
2 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
3 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
4 to the review of the select water committee, be expended by
5 the commission to complete the feasibility study for any
6 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
7 not expended prior to July 1, 2006, shall revert to water
8 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
9 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior
10 to the 2006 legislative session.

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12 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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14 <u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
15		
16 Albin Well & Water Supply	Laramie County	\$140,000
17 Alta Test Well	Teton County	65,000
18 Baggs Water & Raw Water Supply	Carbon County	50,000
19 Canyon Water Supply 2.	Weston County	600,000
20 Cheyenne Belvoir Ranch	Laramie County	350,000
21 Dubois Water Supply, Phase 2	Fremont County	400,000
22 Eight Mile-High Plains Well	Campbell County	60,000
23 Encampment Sierra Madre Well	Carbon County	250,000
24 Evanston/Bear River Regional	Uinta County	70,000
25 Glenrock Well & Tank	Converse County	600,000
26 Hyattville Water Supply 1.	Big Horn County	600,000

1	Northern Arapaho Groundwater	Fremont County	700,000
2	Pine Bluffs Lance/Fox Well	Laramie County	475,000
3	Saratoga Test Well	Carbon County	160,000
4	Ray Lake Enlargement	Fremont County	100,000
5	Shoshone Groundwater Development	Fremont County	850,000
6	Weather Modification Study	Western Wyoming	100,000
7	Hold Projects*	Statewide	<u>15,000</u>
8	Total appropriation for Section 4		\$5,585,000

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10 1. The sponsor shall first form a public entity prior to
 11 the commencement of the study.

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13 2. If the project progresses through construction, the
 14 Canyon Improvement and Service District shall be required
 15 to connect to the Salt Creek Water District System.

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17 *Hold projects include: Blackwillow, Rock Springs East and
 18 Bridger Valley Water Supply Projects, Cheyenne Hydropower,
 19 Crow Creek Groundwater Recharge, Goshen Reregulating
 20 Reservoir, Greybull Valley Hydropower, Middle Fork Dam,
 21 North Cheyenne and Smith's Fork Dam Projects.

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23 **Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -**
 24 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are
 25 appropriated from water development account II to the

1 commission to be expended to conduct the following
2 feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds
3 appropriated under this section for a particular project
4 which are in excess of the actual amount necessary to
5 complete the study may, subject to the review of the select
6 water committee, be expended by the commission to complete
7 the feasibility study for any other project listed in this
8 section. Appropriated funds not expended prior to July 1,
9 2006, shall revert to water development account II. The
10 commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each
11 of the following studies prior to the 2006 legislative
12 session.

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14 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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16 <u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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18 Greybull Wells Rehabilitation	Big Horn County	\$475,000
19 Green River Canal PAM Study	Sweetwater County	40,000
20 Heart Mountain Screens	Park County	100,000
21 Kennington Springs 1.	Lincoln County	100,000
22 Lake DeSmet Master Plan-Phase 2	Johnson County	150,000
23 Mead Creek Ditch 1.	Sheridan County	75,000
24 Worland Wells Flow Test	Washakie County	40,000
25 Midvale Sand Gulch	Fremont County	75,000

1	Wagoner/Cherokee ID-Phase 2	Carbon County	35,000
2	Washam Water Supply 2.	Sweetwater County	<u>40,000</u>
3	Total appropriation for Section 5		\$1,130,000

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5 1. The project sponsor shall first form a public entity
6 prior to the commencement of the study.

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8 2. If the project advances to a Level III construction
9 phase, one-half (1/2) of the cost of the Level II study
10 shall be repaid to the commission.

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12 **Section 6.** The Wyoming water development commission
13 is authorized to contract with the University of Wyoming in
14 an amount not to exceed one hundred sixteen thousand
15 dollars (\$116,000.00) from water development account I to
16 fund the office of water programs established under W.S.
17 41-2-125 from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006.

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

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24 (END)