

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0077

ENROLLED ACT NO. 14, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2018 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to water; providing that consultant and other associated costs related to feasibility studies on instream flows shall be borne by the game and fish commission; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 41-3-1004(a) is amended to read:

41-3-1004. Water development commission to determine storage feasibility; report to the game and fish commission and the legislature.

(a) Immediately after permits have been applied for under W.S. 41-3-1003(c), the water development commission shall determine the feasibility of providing instream flows for the recommended segments of streams from unappropriated direct flows or from existing storage facilities or from new facilities. The feasibility study shall include a determination of water necessary to maintain or improve existing fisheries for water rights under W.S. 41-3-1001(b) or of water necessary to provide fisheries for water rights under W.S. 41-3-1001(a). The feasibility study shall also include the availability of storage sites, the estimated cost of providing any required storage and such other findings and conclusions as the water development commission deems appropriate. The cost of any consultant and any associated costs that the water development commission determines are necessary to complete a feasibility study under this section shall be borne by the game and fish commission. The water development commission shall consult with the game and fish commission prior to entering into any contract related to a feasibility study under this section.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2018.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk