

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0081

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 reversion of
 4 unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be used to
 5 complete other designated projects as specified; providing
 6 for groundwater studies funding; and providing for an
 7 effective date.

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

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11 [2019-2020 WATER PROGRAM]

12 [AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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14 **Section 1.** LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW
 15 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated
 16 from water development account I, as created by W.S.

1 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
 2 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as
 3 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 4 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
 5 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to
 6 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
 7 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any other
 8 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
 9 obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
 10 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
 11 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
 12 the 2021 legislative session:

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 14 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
18 Crook County Rural Water Supply		
19 Plan	Crook County	\$370,000
20 Evanston Water Master Plan	Uinta County	\$126,000
21 River Basin Planning Streamstats		
22 Phases III and IV	Statewide	\$631,000
23 Salt Creek-Edgerton-Midwest		
24 Master Plan	Natrona County	\$160,000
25 Torrington Water Master Plan	Goshen County	\$174,000
26 UW Water Research Program	Statewide	<u>\$350,511</u>
27 Total appropriation for Section 1		\$1,811,511
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29 **Section 2. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW**
 30 **DEVELOPMENT.** The following sums of money are appropriated
 31 from water development account I, as created by W.S.

1 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
 2 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
 3 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 4 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
 5 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to
 6 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
 7 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other
 8 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
 9 obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
 10 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
 11 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
 12 the 2021 legislative session:

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 14 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]
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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Lake DeSmet/Healy Reservoir	Johnson County	<u>\$268,000</u>
Utilization		
Total appropriation for Section 2		<u>\$268,000</u>

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

23 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated
 24 from water development account II, as created by W.S.
 25 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be
 26 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as
 27 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this

1 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
 2 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to
 3 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
 4 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any other
 5 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
 6 obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
 7 development account II. The commission shall submit a report
 8 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
 9 the 2021 legislative session. The appropriation of funds for
 10 this study is contingent upon the transfer of funds from the
 11 Buffalo Bill dam account, as created by W.S.
 12 99-99-1001(a)(ii), to the water development account II as
 13 provided for in 2019 Senate File 0059:

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 15 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]
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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Bluff/Upper Bluff Irrigation	Washakie County	<u>\$123,000</u>
Districts Master Plan		
Total appropriation for Section 3		<u>\$123,000</u>

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23 **Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -**
 24 **REHABILITATION.** The following sums of money are appropriated
 25 from water development account II, as created by W.S.
 26 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be
 27 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 to
 4 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
 5 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other
 6 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
 7 obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
 8 development account II. The commission shall submit a report
 9 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
 10 the 2021 legislative session. The appropriation of funds for
 11 these studies is contingent upon the transfer of funds from
 12 the Buffalo Bill dam account, as created by W.S.
 13 99-99-1001(a)(ii), to the water development account II as
 14 provided for in 2019 Senate File 0059:

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 16 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]
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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Boulder Irrigation District Rehabilitation	Sublette County	\$171,000
LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation	Converse County	<u>\$290,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 4		\$461,000

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26 **Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND**
 27 **RESERVOIRS.** The following sums of money are appropriated from
 28 water development account III, as created by W.S.

1 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be
 2 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
 3 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 4 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
 5 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to
 6 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
 7 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other
 8 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
 9 obligated prior to July 1, 2024 shall revert to water
 10 development account III. The commission shall submit a report
 11 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
 12 the 2023 legislative session:

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[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Greybull Valley Irrigation		
District Storage Enlargement, Phase II	Park and Big Horn Counties	\$300,000
New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement, Phase III	Sublette County	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 5		<u>\$1,800,000</u>

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Section 6. W.S. 41-2-119(a) is amended to read:

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41-2-119. Groundwater studies.

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1 (a) The Wyoming water development commission may grant
2 not to exceed ~~six million eight hundred thousand dollars~~
3 ~~(\$6,800,000.00)~~ eight million eight hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$8,800,000.00) to incorporated cities and towns, water and
5 sewer districts and improvement and service districts in
6 Wyoming for exploration for and feasibility studies of the
7 use of underground water for municipal and rural domestic
8 purposes, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$400,000.00) for any one (1) exploration or study. The
10 grants shall be made from revenues from water development
11 account I and those revenues are hereby so appropriated. Any
12 city or town, water and sewer district or service and
13 improvement district receiving a grant pursuant to this
14 section shall provide at least twenty-five percent (25%) of
15 the cost of the exploration or study from its own funds. The
16 commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing
17 application procedures for the grants.

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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 as
21 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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