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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 and providing
3 appropriations; requiring reports; providing for reversion
4 of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be
5 used to complete other designated project studies under
6 certain conditions; and 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 [2008-2009 WATER PROGRAM]

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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 to the commission to be
17 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as
18 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
19 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
20 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
21 to the review of the select water committee, be expended by
22 the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any
23 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
24 not expended prior to July 1, 2010, shall revert to water
25 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
26 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior
27 to the 2009 legislative session.

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[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Cody Master Plan	Park County	\$ 100,000
Evansville Master Plan	Natrona County	150,000
Gillette Regional Master Plan	Campbell County	350,000
Kemmerer-Diamondville Master Plan	Lincoln County	100,000
Lander Master Plan	Fremont County	100,000
Laramie County Aquifer	Laramie County	25,000
Pine Bluffs Master Plan	Laramie County	80,000
Pine Haven Master Plan	Crook County	100,000
Rawlins Master Plan	Carbon County	150,000
South Circle Master Plan	Washakie County	50,000
Wind/Bighorn River Basin Plan	Wind/Bighorn Basin	500,000
Wright Master Plan	Campbell	100,000
Statewide Water Research	Statewide	<u>300,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 1		\$2,105,000

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Section 2. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW

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[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Alpine Master Plan Update, Phase II	Lincoln County	\$ 85,000
Farview Water Supply	Fremont County	375,000
Glendo Water Supply	Platte County	150,000
Jamestown/Rio Vista Water Supply	Sweetwater County	75,000
Mile-Hi Water Supply	Natrona County	75,000
Northern Arapaho Groundwater	Fremont County	685,000
Owl Creek Water Supply	Hot Springs County	75,000
South Thermopolis Water Supply	Hot Springs County	75,000
Wamsutter Groundwater	Sweetwater County	<u>800,000</u>

1 Total appropriation for Section 2 \$2,395,000

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

4 The following sums of money are appropriated from water
5 development account III, as created by W.S.
6 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the commission to be expended to
7 conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in
8 W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a
9 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount
10 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review
11 of the select water committee, be expended by the
12 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any
13 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
14 not expended prior to July 1, 2010, shall revert to water
15 development account III. The commission shall submit a
16 report to the legislature on each of the following studies
17 prior to the 2009 legislative session.

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19 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - STORAGE]

<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Nowood River Watershed	Washakie County	\$300,000
Thunder Basin Watershed	East Central Wyoming	300,000
Total appropriation for Section 3		\$600,000

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27 **Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - STORAGE.**

28 The following sums of money are appropriated from water
29 development account III, as created by W.S.
30 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the commission to be expended to
31 conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in
32 W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a
33 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount
34 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review
35 of the select water committee, be expended by the
36 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other
37 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
38 expended prior to July 1, 2010, shall revert to water
39 development account III. The commission shall submit a
40 report to the legislature on each of the following studies
41 prior to the 2009 legislative session.

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43 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - STORAGE]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Cottonwood/Grass Creek CRM	Hot Springs County	\$250,000
Little Snake Supplemental		

1	Storage	Carbon County	200,000
2	Total appropriation for Section 4		<u>\$450,000</u>

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4 **Section 5.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -
 5 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are
 6 appropriated from water development account II to the
 7 commission to be expended to conduct the following
 8 feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds
 9 appropriated under this section for a particular project
 10 which are in excess of the actual amount necessary to
 11 complete the study may, subject to the review of the select
 12 water committee, be expended by the commission to complete
 13 the feasibility study for any other project listed in this
 14 section. Appropriated funds not expended prior to July 1,
 15 2010, shall revert to water development account II. The
 16 commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each
 17 of the following studies prior to the 2009 legislative
 18 session.

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20 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

21	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
22	Cody Canal Rehab, GIS	Park County	\$200,000
23	Greybull Valley Rehab, GIS	Bighorn County	150,000
24	Willwood Rehab, GIS	Park County	<u>150,000</u>
25	Total appropriation for Section 5		<u>\$500,000</u>

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

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29 **41-2-119. Groundwater studies.**

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31 (a) The Wyoming water development commission may
 32 grant not to exceed ~~five million five hundred thousand~~
 33 ~~dollars (\$5,500,000.00)~~ six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00)
 34 to incorporated cities and towns, water and sewer districts
 35 and improvement and service districts in Wyoming for
 36 exploration for and feasibility studies of the use of
 37 underground water for municipal and rural domestic
 38 purposes, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars
 39 (\$400,000.00) for any one (1) exploration or study. The
 40 grants shall be made from revenues from water development
 41 account I and those revenues are hereby so appropriated.
 42 Any city or town, water and sewer district or service and
 43 improvement receiving a grant pursuant to this section
 44 shall provide at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the
 45 cost of the exploration or study from its own funds. The
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1 commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing
2 application procedures for the grants.

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4 **Section 7.** The Wyoming Water Development Commission
5 is authorized to contract with the University of Wyoming in
6 an amount not to exceed one hundred sixty-five thousand
7 dollars (\$165,000.00) from water development account I to
8 fund the Office of Water Programs established under W.S.
9 41-2-125 from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

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11 **Section 8.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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16 (END)