

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0145

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; creating the Platte River recovery
4 implementation program account and providing an
5 appropriation; providing definitions; requiring reports;
6 providing for reversion of unexpended funds; providing an
7 appropriation for the office of water programs; and
8 providing for an effective date.

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

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12 [2006-2007 WATER PROGRAM]

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14 [AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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16 **Section 1.** LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW
17 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated

1 from water development account I to the 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
6 to the review of the select water committee, be expended by
7 the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any
8 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
9 not expended prior to July 1, 2008, 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
12 to the 2008 legislative session.

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14 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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16	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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18	Owl Creek Rural Water Supply	Hot Springs County	\$75,000
19	Statewide Water Research	Statewide	300,000
20	Wind River Glaciers	Fremont, Sublette Counties	<u>225,000</u>
21	Total appropriation for Section 1		\$600,000

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23 **Section 2.** 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, 2008, 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 2008 legislative
12 session.

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14 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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16	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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18	Buffalo/Sheridan Area	Johnson and Sheridan	\$600,000
19	Water Supply/Lake	Counties	
20	DeSmet Master Plan		
21	Cottonwood/Grass Creek	Hot Springs County	300,000
22	Watershed Management		
23	Plan		
24	Goshen I.D. Master	Goshen County	225,000
25	Plan		
26	Middle Fork Powder	Johnson County	300,000

1	Watershed Management		
2	Plan		
3	Shell Valley Watershed	Big Horn County	300,000
4	Management Plan		
5	South Thermopolis	Hot Springs County	100,000
6	Master Plan		
7	Star Valley Ranch	Lincoln County	<u>200,000</u>
8	Master Plan		
9	Total appropriation for Section 2		\$2,025,000

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11 **Section 3. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW**
12 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated
13 from water development account I to the commission to be
14 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
15 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
16 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
17 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
18 to the review of the select water committee, be expended by
19 the commission to complete the feasibility study for any
20 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
21 not expended prior to July 1, 2008, shall revert to water
22 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
23 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior
24 to the 2008 legislative session.

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26 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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2	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
3	Glendo Water Supply	Platte County	\$625,000
4	LaBarge Water Supply	Lincoln County	400,000
5	Cheyenne/Laramie	Laramie County	450,000
6	County Water Service		
7	Area		
8	Sundance Meadows 1.	Converse County	50,000
9	Alpine Master Plan	Lincoln County	185,000
10	Update, Phase II		
11	Cheyenne Belvoir	Laramie County	450,000
12	Ranch, Phase II 2.		
13	Glenrock Well Phase II	Converse County	550,000
14	Hudson Water Supply	Fremont County	575,000
15	Lysite Test Well	Fremont County	545,000
16	Northern Arapaho	Fremont County	605,000
17	Groundwater, Budget		
18	Increase		
19	Saratoga Test Well,	Carbon County	300,000
20	Phase II		
21	Shoshone Groundwater	Fremont County	600,000
22	Dev., Budget Increase		
23	Jon's Drop Hydropower	Carbon County	40,000
24	Hold Projects*	Statewide	<u>15,000</u>
25	Total appropriation for Section 3		\$5,390,000
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27 1. The project shall first form a public entity prior to
 28 commencement of the study.

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2 2. Surface and groundwater interference issues shall be
3 addressed during the study.

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5 *Hold projects include: Blackwillow, Rock Springs East,
6 Bridger Valley Water Supply Projects, Cheyenne Hydropower,
7 Crow Creek Groundwater Recharge, Goshen Re-regulating
8 Reservoir, Greybull Valley Hydropower, Middle Fork Dam and
9 North Cheyenne.

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11 As used in this section, "Hold project" means a project
12 which has had a previous legislative funding authorization
13 for a study at the same level authorized by this act, but
14 has been placed on hold status as a result of outstanding
15 issues which warrant limiting future expenditures until the
16 issues are resolved. Hold status serves to document
17 commission or sponsor interest in a project subject to
18 resolution of issues.

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20 **Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - STORAGE.** The
21 following sums of money are appropriated from water
22 development account III, as created by W.S.
23 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the commission to be expended to
24 conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in

1 W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a
2 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount
3 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review
4 of the select water committee, be expended by the
5 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any
6 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
7 not expended prior to July 1, 2008, shall revert to water
8 development account III. The commission shall submit a
9 report to the legislature on each of the following studies
10 prior to the 2008 legislative session.

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12 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - STORAGE]

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14	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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16	Middle Piney, Phase I	Sublette County	<u>\$200,000</u>
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18	Total appropriation for Section 4		\$200,000
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20 **Section 5.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -

21 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are
22 appropriated from water development account II to the
23 commission to be expended to conduct the following
24 feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds
25 appropriated under this section for a particular project

1 which are in excess of the actual amount necessary to
2 complete the study may, subject to the review of the select
3 water committee, be expended by the commission to complete
4 the feasibility study for any other project listed in this
5 section. Appropriated funds not expended prior to July 1,
6 2008, shall revert to water development account II. The
7 commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each
8 of the following studies prior to the 2008 legislative
9 session.

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11 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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13	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
14	Casper Alcova ID GIS	Natrona County	\$200,000
15	Douglas Groundwater	Converse County	75,000
16	Shoshone ID Rehab, GIS	Park County	300,000
17	Washakie Co. Safety	Washakie County	50,000
18	Crowheart/Dinwoody 1.	Fremont County	200,000
19	Gooseberry ID	Washakie/Hot Springs	100,000
20	Conservation, 2006	Counties	
21	Heart Mountain ID,	Park County	21,000
22	Budget Increase		
23	Riverton/Mountain	Fremont County	125,000
24	View, Budget Increase		
25	Wheatland ID,	Platte County	<u>300,000</u>
26	Phase II Conservation		
27	Total appropriation for Section 5		\$1,371,000

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2 1. An official letter, minutes from a meeting, or
3 resolution of the business council of the Eastern Shoshone
4 tribe or Northern Arapaho tribe or the joint business
5 council of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho
6 tribes, which demonstrates support for the project shall be
7 submitted to the Wyoming water development office prior to
8 commencement of the project.

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10 **Section 6. PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION**

11 PROGRAM. Six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) is
12 appropriated from water development account I to establish
13 a Platte River Basin endangered species account for the
14 Wyoming water development office to fund the state of
15 Wyoming's participation in the Platte River Recovery
16 Implementation Program (PRRIP). Since PRRIP cost estimates
17 are in fiscal year 2005 dollars, any unexpended balance in
18 the Platte River Basin endangered species account shall be
19 invested by the state treasurer and the interest earned
20 shall be credited to the Platte River Basin endangered
21 species account to meet the cost of inflation over the term
22 of the PRRIP. Expenditures from the Platte River Basin
23 endangered species account shall not be authorized until
24 the state of Wyoming has entered into and the governor has

1 executed a cooperative agreement with the United States
2 Department of the Interior and the states of Nebraska and
3 Colorado for the PRRIP. Unexpended funds appropriated
4 under this subsection shall revert to water development
5 account I on July 1, 2021.

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7 **Section 7.** The Wyoming Water Development Commission
8 is authorized to contract with the University of Wyoming in
9 an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty-six thousand
10 dollars (\$156,000.00) from water development account I to
11 fund the Office of Water Programs established under W.S.
12 41-2-125 from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

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

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