

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0088

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; providing funding for the office of
7 water programs; amending provision regarding the reversion
8 of funds for a specified study; and providing for an
9 effective date.

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

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13 [2008-2009 WATER PROGRAM]

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15 [AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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

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16 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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18 <u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
19		
20 Cody Master Plan	Park County	\$ 100,000
21 Evansville Master Plan	Natrona County	150,000
22 Gillette Regional Master Plan	Campbell County	350,000
23 Kemmerer-Diamondville		
24 Master Plan	Lincoln County	100,000
25 Lander Master Plan	Fremont County	100,000

1	Laramie County Aquifer	Laramie County	25,000
2	Pine Bluffs Master Plan	Laramie County	80,000
3	Pine Haven Master Plan	Crook County	100,000
4	Rawlins Master Plan	Carbon County	150,000
5	South Circle Master Plan	Washakie County	50,000
6	Wind/Bighorn River Basin Plan	Wind/Bighorn Basin	500,000
7	Wright Master Plan	Campbell	100,000
8	Statewide Water Research	Statewide	<u>300,000</u>
9	Total appropriation for Section 1		\$2,105,000

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11 **Section 2. 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, 2010, 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 2009 legislative session.

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1 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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3	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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5	Alpine Master Plan Update,		
6	Phase II	Lincoln County	\$ 85,000
7	Farview Water Supply	Fremont County	375,000
8	Glendo Water Supply	Platte County	150,000
9	Jamestown/Rio Vista Water Supply	Sweetwater County	75,000
10	Mile-Hi Water Supply	Natrona County	75,000
11	Northern Arapaho Groundwater	Fremont County	685,000
12	Owl Creek Water Supply	Hot Springs County	75,000
13	South Thermopolis Water Supply	Hot Springs County	75,000
14	Wamsutter Groundwater	Sweetwater County	<u>800,000</u>
15	Total appropriation for Section 2		\$2,395,000

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

18 The following sums of money are appropriated from water
 19 development account III, as created by W.S.
 20 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the commission to be expended to
 21 conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in
 22 W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a
 23 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount
 24 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review
 25 of the select water committee, be expended by the
 26 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any

other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended prior to July 1, 2010, shall revert to water development account III. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2009 legislative session.

[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	<u>300,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 3		\$600,000

Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - STORAGE.

The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account III, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project which are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete the feasibility study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not

expended prior to July 1, 2010, shall revert to water development account III. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2009 legislative session.

[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 Storage	Carbon County	<u>250,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 4		\$500,000

Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II to the commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project which are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete the feasibility study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended prior to July 1,

2010, shall revert to water development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2009 legislative session.

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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

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

41-2-119. Groundwater studies.

(a) The Wyoming water development commission may grant not to exceed ~~five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000.00)~~ six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) to incorporated cities and towns, water and sewer districts and improvement and service districts in Wyoming for exploration for and feasibility studies of the use of underground water for municipal and rural domestic

1 purposes, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars
2 (\$400,000.00) for any one (1) exploration or study. The
3 grants shall be made from revenues from water development
4 account I and those revenues are hereby so appropriated.
5 Any city or town, water and sewer district or service and
6 improvement district receiving a grant pursuant to this
7 section shall provide at least twenty-five percent (25%) of
8 the cost of the exploration or study from its own funds.
9 The commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing
10 application procedures for the grants.

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12 **Section 7.** The Wyoming Water Development Commission
13 is authorized to contract with the University of Wyoming in
14 an amount not to exceed one hundred sixty-five thousand
15 dollars (\$165,000.00) from water development account I to
16 fund the Office of Water Programs established under W.S.
17 41-2-125 from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

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19 **Section 8.** 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 85,
20 Section 6(c) is amended to read:

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22 **Section 6.** Part II. LEVEL I FEASIBILITY
23 STUDY - MITIGATION NORTH PLATTE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

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(c) Any balance of funds remaining after completion of the level I feasibility study ~~may be used for the acquisition of replacement water as described in paragraph (a)(i) of this section~~ shall revert to water development account I.

7 **Section 9.** This act is effective immediately upon
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
10 Constitution.

12 (END)