

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0041

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 as specified; providing for groundwater
8 studies funding; and 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 [2012-2013 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
18 from water development account I, as created by W.S.
19 41-2-124(a)(i), to the commission to be expended to conduct
20 the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S.
21 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a
22 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount
23 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review
24 of the select water committee, be expended by the
25 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any
26 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
27 not expended prior to July 1, 2015 shall revert to water
28 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
29 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior
30 to the 2014 legislative session:

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32 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]
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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Bear River Hydrology Model	Lincoln/Uinta Counties	\$50,000
Guernsey Master Plan	Platte County	125,000
Lovell Master Plan	Big Horn County	110,000
Middle North Platte Watershed	Natrona County	250,000
North Platte Water Yield Analysis	Carbon County	75,000
Statewide Water Research	Statewide	400,000
Sundance Master Plan	Crook County	<u>150,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 1		\$1,160,000

Section 2. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), 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, 2015 shall revert to water development account I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2014 legislative session:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Gillette Regional Connections	Campbell County	\$500,000
Greybull Valley Hydropower	Big Horn County	85,000
Indian Paintbrush Water Supply	Teton County	375,000
Weather Modification Pilot Program	Albany/Carbon/Fremont/ Sublette Counties	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 2		\$3,360,000

Section 3. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE 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 reconnaissance 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, 2015 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 2014 legislative session:

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - STORAGE]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Badwater-Poison Creek Watershed	Fremont/Natrona Counties	\$250,000
Upper Green River Watershed	Sublette/Lincoln/ Teton Counties	<u>300,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 3		\$550,000

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, 2015 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 2014 legislative session:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - STORAGE]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Nowood River Storage	Washakie/Big Horn Counties	\$350,000
Shell Valley Storage	Big Horn County	350,000
Sheridan Supplemental Storage	Sheridan County	<u>250,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 4		\$950,000

Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(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

1 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount
2 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review
3 of the select water committee, be expended by the
4 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other
5 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
6 expended prior to July 1, 2015 shall revert to water
7 development account II. The commission shall submit a
8 report to the legislature on each of the following studies
9 prior to the 2014 legislative session:

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11 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

12 13 <u>PROJECT</u>	14 15 <u>LOCATION</u>	16 17 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
18 Austin Wall Canals	19 Uinta County	20 \$150,000
21 Basin/Big Horn Canal	22 Big Horn County	23 150,000
24 Hawk Springs Master Plan	25 Goshen County	26 200,000
27 Lakeview Irrigation Master Plan	28 Park County	29 <u>250,000</u>
30 Total appropriation for Section 5		31 \$750,000

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33 **Section 6.** The Wyoming water development commission
34 is authorized to contract with the University of Wyoming in
35 an amount not to exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand
36 dollars (\$175,000.00) from water development account I to
37 fund the office of water programs established under W.S.
38 41-2-125 from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

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40 **Section 7.** W.S. 41-2-119(a) is amended to read:

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42 **41-2-119. Groundwater studies.**

43 (a) The Wyoming water development commission may
44 grant not to exceed ~~six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00)~~ six
45 million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$6,800,000.00) to
46 incorporated cities and towns, water and sewer districts
47 and improvement and service districts in Wyoming for
48 exploration for and feasibility studies of the use of
49 underground water for municipal and rural domestic
50 purposes, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars
51 (\$400,000.00) for any one (1) exploration or study. The
52 grants shall be made from revenues from water development
53 account I and those revenues are hereby so appropriated.
54 Any city or town, water and sewer district or service and
55 improvement district receiving a grant pursuant to this
56 section shall provide at least twenty-five percent (25%) of
57 the cost of the exploration or study from its own funds.

1 The commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing
2 application procedures for the grants.

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

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