

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0104

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 the
 4 reversion of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds
 5 to be used to complete other designated projects as
 6 specified; providing an appropriation for the office of
 7 water programs; transferring funds from the general fund to
 8 water development account I; and providing for an effective
 9 date.

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

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13 [2024-2025 WATER PROGRAM]

14 [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, as created by W.S.
4 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
5 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as
6 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
7 section for a particular project that are in excess of the
8 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
9 to the review and recommendation of the select water
10 committee, be expended by the commission to complete the
11 reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this
12 section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior
13 to July 1, 2027 shall revert to water development account I.
14 The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on
15 each of the following studies prior to the 2026 legislative
16 session:

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18 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]
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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
22 Alpine Water Master Plan	Lincoln County	\$153,000
23 Bairoil Water Master Plan	Sweetwater County	\$147,000
24 Chugwater Water Master Plan	Platte County	\$209,000
25 Douglas Water Master Plan	Converse County	\$286,000
26 GR/RS/SC JPWB Regional Water		
27 Master Plan	Sweetwater County	\$432,000

1	Hudson Water Master Plan	Fremont County	\$210,000
2	Salt River Watershed Study	Lincoln County	\$344,000
3	Shoshone Municipal Pipeline		
4	Regional Water Master Plan	Park County	\$216,000
5	Sinclair Water Master Plan	Carbon County	\$147,000
6	UW Water Research Program	Statewide	\$397,514 ¹
7	Total appropriation for Section 1		\$2,541,514
8	Footnotes:		
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10 1. Funds for these projects are contingent upon the transfer of funds
 11 to water development account I as described in section 5 of this act or
 12 transfer from another funding source.

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14 **Section 2. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW**

15 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated
 16 from water development account I, as created by W.S.
 17 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
 18 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
 19 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 20 section for a particular project that are in excess of the
 21 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
 22 to the review and recommendation of the select water
 23 committee, be expended by the commission to complete the
 24 feasibility study for any other project listed in this
 25 section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior
 26 to July 1, 2027 shall revert to water development account I.
 27 The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on

1 each of the following studies prior to the 2026 legislative
2 session:

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4 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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6	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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8	Cody Areas Evaluation 2024	Park County	\$139,000
9	Greybull Water System		
10	Improvements	Big Horn County	\$160,000
11	Hot Springs County Supply		
12	Evaluation	Hot Springs County	\$365,000
13	Total appropriation for Section 2		\$664,000

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

16 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated

17 from water development account II, as created by W.S.

18 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be

19 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as

20 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this

21 section for a particular project that are in excess of the

22 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject

23 to the review and recommendation of the select water

24 committee, be expended by the commission to complete the

25 reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this

26 section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior

27 to July 1, 2027 shall revert to water development account

1 II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature
 2 on each of the following studies prior to the 2026
 3 legislative session.

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5 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]
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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
9 Big Horn Canal Irrigation		
10 District Master Plan	Big Horn County	\$289,000
11 Elk Canal Master Plan	Park County	\$265,000
12 Horse Creek Conservation		
13 District Master Plan	Goshen County	\$248,000
14 Midvale Irrigation District		
15 Master Plan	Fremont County	\$409,000
16 Powder River Irrigation District		
17 Master Plan	Johnson County	\$176,000
18 Strawberry Canal Master Plan	Lincoln County	\$235,000 ²
19 Total appropriation for Section 3		\$1,622,000
20 Footnotes:		

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22 2. Funds from this appropriation shall not be expended until the
 23 project sponsor has formed a public entity.

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25 **Section 4.** There is appropriated one hundred seventy-
 26 five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) to the water development
 27 commission from water development account I, as created by
 28 W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to fund the office of water programs
 29 established under W.S. 41-2-125 for the period beginning
 30 July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation
 31 shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose

1 and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
2 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
3 2026.

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5 **Section 5.** The state auditor shall transfer three
6 hundred ninety-seven thousand five hundred fourteen dollars
7 (\$397,514.00) from the general fund to water development
8 account I as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i).

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10 **Section 6.** 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 84,
11 Section 2 is amended to read:

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13 **Section 2.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -
14 NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are
15 appropriated from water development account I, as
16 created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water
17 development commission to be expended to conduct
18 the following feasibility studies as defined in
19 W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
20 section for a particular study that are in excess
21 of the actual amount necessary to complete the
22 study may, subject to the review and
23 recommendation of the select water committee, be

1 expended by the commission to complete any other
 2 feasibility study listed in this section.
 3 Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior
 4 to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development
 5 account I. The commission shall submit a report to
 6 the legislature on each of the following studies
 7 prior to the 2024 legislative session:

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 9 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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11	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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13	Cloud Seeding: Operations		
14	Hydrological Assessment		
15	Medicine Bow & Sierra	Albany and	
16	Madre Mountain Ranges	Carbon Counties	\$300,000
17	Fontenelle Reservoir Storage	Lincoln and	
18		Sweetwater Counties	\$1,700,000
19	LaGrange Groundwater Supply		
20	& Improvements	Goshen County	\$725,000
21	Pavillion Groundwater Supply	Fremont County	\$687,000 <u>\$1,116,000</u>
22	Total 2022 appropriation for Section 2		\$3,412,000
23	<u>Total 2024 appropriation for Section 2</u>		<u>\$429,000</u>

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

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