



SF0070

Omnibus water bill-construction.

Sponsored By: Select Water Committee

AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing construction of designated water projects; describing projects; specifying terms and conditions of funding for projects; providing grants; providing loans; providing appropriations; amending amounts and terms of appropriations for specified prior projects; transferring funds from water development account I to water development account II; transferring a project; requiring studies; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

2/3/2026 Bill Number Assigned
2/5/2026 S Received for Introduction
2/9/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S05 - Agriculture 31-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: (s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Ayes 31 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/10/2026 S05 - Agriculture:Recommend Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Crago, Ide, Love, Mckeown, Pearson

Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/10/2026 :Rerefer to S02 - Appropriations
2/12/2026 S02 - Appropriations:Recommend Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Driskill, French, Gierau, Laursen, Salazar

Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/12/2026 S Placed on General File

SF0070SW001/FAILED

Page 52-line 14 Delete "99-3-2205(d) (vii),".

Page 55-lines 1 through 12 Delete entirely. STEINMETZ, FRENCH

SF0070SW002/ADOPTED

Page 60-line 21 Delete "University of Wyoming water research program" and insert "Wyoming agricultural experiment station (WAES) within the college of agriculture and natural resources to be deposited into a separate account, which account shall be expended to".

Page 61-line 4 Delete "more" and insert "less".

Page 61-line 5 After "(\$35,000.00)" delete balance of line.

Page 61-line 6 Delete "of Wyoming water research program" and insert "shall be used". HICKS

2/16/2026 S COW:Passed

SF0070S2001/ADOPTED

Page 61-after line 16 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"Section 5.

(a) The Wyoming water development office shall conduct a study of the small water project program. The study required under this section shall be in accordance with all of the following:

(i) The study shall consider the application and funding process for small water projects, including application requirements and studies required for an application to be reviewed under the program;

(ii) The study shall consider the process for reviewing completed applications for the small water project program, including:

(A) The extent to which additional evaluations, whether conducted internally or externally, are required;

(B) Whether reviews include or duplicate reviews already conducted or completed by the applicant before submitting a complete application;

(C) Whether additional costs are imposed on the applicant, the state or both in reviewing and evaluating project applications.

(iii) The Wyoming water development office shall review its rules and policies associated with the small water project program and consider whether changes can be made to improve efficiencies and reduce the time and cost associated with submitting and reviewing applications;

(iv) The study shall consider and develop methods for:

(A) Streamlining and incorporating efficiencies in the application and review process for small water projects;

(B) Reducing costs of the application and review process for both the applicant and the state.

(v) Not later than November 1, 2026, the Wyoming water development office shall report to the select water committee on the results of the study required under this section."

Page 61-line 18 Delete "**Section 5.**" and insert "**Section 6.**". HICKS

SF0070S2002/FAILED

Page 55-line 12

After "2027." insert "Beginning April 1, 2026, funds from the appropriation made in this paragraph shall not be expended or used to exercise eminent domain for the purposes of this project.". STEINMETZ

2/17/2026 S 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0070S3001/FAILED

Page 4-lines 9 through 20 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.

Page 5-lines 1 through 10 Delete entirely.

Page 5-line 12 Delete "(d)" and insert "(c)".

Page 7-line 1 Delete "(e)" and insert "(d)".

Page 8-line 14 Delete "(f)" and insert "(e)".

Page 10-line 6 Delete "(g)" and insert "(f)".

To the extent required by this amendment, renumber as necessary. IDE

2/18/2026 S 3rd Reading:Passed 26-4-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) French, Ide, Landen, Nethercott

Excused: Senator Cooper

Ayes 26 **Nays** 4 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/18/2026 H Received for Introduction

2/19/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H05 - Agriculture

2/24/2026 H05 - Agriculture:Recommend Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Banks, Davis, Fornstrom, Johnson, Ottman, Provenza, Schmid, Strock, Winter

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/24/2026 H Placed on General File

2/24/2026 H COW:Rerefer to H02 - Appropriations

2/25/2026 H02 - Appropriations:Recommend Do Pass 7-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Haroldson, Pendergraft, Sherwood, Smith, S

Ayes 7 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/25/2026 H Placed on General File

SF0070HW001/WITHDRAWN

2/27/2026 H COW:Passed

SF0070H2001/ADOPTED

(TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 55-line 12

After "2027." insert "Beginning January 1, 2027, funds from the appropriation made in this paragraph shall not be expended or used to exercise eminent domain for the purposes of this project.". STROCK

SF0070H2002/ADOPTED

(TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the Strock second reading amendment (SF0070H2001/AE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 52-line 14 Delete "99-3-2205(d) (vii),".

Page 55-lines 1 through 12 Delete entirely. LARSON, JT

SF0070H2003/FAILED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 1-line 8 Delete "a study" and insert "studies".

Page 59-line 16 Delete "sixteen million dollars".

Page 59-line 17 Delete "\$16,000,000.00" and insert "sixteen million two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$16,225,000.00)". LAWLEY

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Andrew, Banks, Byron, Chestek, Lawley, Sherwood, Singh

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Neiman, Nicholas, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Excused: Representative(s) Kelly, Mccann, Ottman, Schmid

Ayes 7 **Nays** 51 **Excused** 4 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/2/2026 H 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0070H3001/WITHDRAWN

SF0070H3002/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 1-line 8 Delete "a study" and insert "studies".

Page 59-line 16 Delete "sixteen million dollars".

Page 59-line 17 Delete "\$16,000,000.00" and insert "sixteen million two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$16,225,000.00)".

Page 60-after line 17 Insert:

"(c) To the extent funds are transferred under subsection (a) of this section, the Wyoming water development commission is hereby authorized to transfer two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00) from water development account II created by W.S. 41-2-124(a) (ii) to water development account I created by W.S. 41-2-124(a) (i). This subsection is effective July 1, 2026.". LARSEN, L

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock,

Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Excused: Representative(s) Campbell, K, Kelly

Ayes 60 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

SF0070H3003/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the Larson, JT second reading amendment (SF0070H2002/AE), the Strock second reading amendment (SF0070H2001/AE) and the Larson, JT et al. third reading amendment (SF0070H3001/AE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 55-line 12 After "2027." insert "It is the intent of the legislature that no further time extensions shall be authorized for this project. Beginning January 1, 2027, funds from the appropriation made in this paragraph shall not be expended or used to exercise eminent domain for the purposes of this project.".LARSON, JT, LAWLEY

SF0070H3004/WITHDRAWN

3/3/2026 H 3rd Reading:Passed 59-1-2-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Nays: Representative Singh

Excused: Representative(s) Campbell, K, Kelly

Ayes 59 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/3/2026 S Received for Concurrence

3/4/2026 S Concur:Passed 21-10-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Dockstader, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Salazar, Scott, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Barlow, Biteman, Case, Crum, Driskill, Gierau, Landen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler

Ayes 21 **Nays** 10 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/4/2026 Assigned Number SEA No. 0042

3/4/2026 S President Signed SEA No. 0042

3/4/2026 H Speaker Signed SEA No. 0042

3/6/2026 Governor Signed SEA No. 0042

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