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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

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 reversion of
4 unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be used to
5 complete other designated projects as specified; providing
6 for groundwater studies funding; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 [2019-2020 WATER PROGRAM]

12 [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 which are in excess of the
8 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to
9 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
10 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any other
11 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
12 obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
13 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
14 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
15 the 2021 legislative session:

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17 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Crook County Rural Water Supply		
Plan	Crook County	\$370,000
Evanston Water Master Plan	Uinta County	\$126,000
River Basin Planning Streamstats		
Phases III and IV	Statewide	\$631,000
Salt Creek-Edgerton-Midwest		
Master Plan	Natrona County	\$160,000
Torrington Water Master Plan	Goshen County	\$174,000
UW Water Research Program	Statewide	<u>\$350,511</u>
Total appropriation for Section 1		\$1,811,511

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1 **Section 2. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY 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 feasibility studies as
6 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
7 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
8 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to
9 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
10 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other
11 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
12 obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
13 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
14 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
15 the 2021 legislative session:

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17 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]
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19 <u>PROJECT</u>	20 <u>LOCATION</u>	21 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
22 Lake DeSmet/Healy Reservoir Utilization	Johnson County	\$268,000
23 Total appropriation for Section 2		\$268,000

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25 **Section 3. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -**
26 **REHABILITATION.** The following sums of money are appropriated
27 from water development account II, as created by W.S.

1 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development 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 to
 6 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
 7 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any other
 8 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
 9 obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
 10 development account II. The commission shall submit a report
 11 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
 12 the 2021 legislative session. The appropriation of funds for
 13 this study is contingent upon the transfer of funds from the
 14 Buffalo Bill dam account, as created by W.S.
 15 99-99-1001(a)(ii), to the water development account II as
 16 provided for in 2019 House Bill/Senate File _____:

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 18 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Bluff/Upper Bluff Irrigation	Washakie County	\$123,000
Districts Master Plan		
Total appropriation for Section 3		\$123,000

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26 **Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -**

27 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated

1 from water development account II, as created by W.S.
 2 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be
 3 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
 4 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 5 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
 6 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to
 7 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
 8 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other
 9 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
 10 obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water
 11 development account II. The commission shall submit a report
 12 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
 13 the 2021 legislative session. The appropriation of funds for
 14 these studies is contingent upon the transfer of funds from
 15 the Buffalo Bill dam account, as created by W.S.
 16 99-99-1001(a)(ii), to the water development account II as
 17 provided for in 2019 House Bill/Senate File _____:

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 19 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]
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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Boulder Irrigation District Rehabilitation	Sublette County	\$171,000
LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation	Converse County	<u>\$290,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 4		\$461,000

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1 **Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND**
2 **RESERVOIRS.** The following sums of money are appropriated from
3 water development account III, as created by W.S.
4 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be
5 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
6 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
7 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
8 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to
9 the review of the select water committee, be expended by the
10 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other
11 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not
12 obligated prior to July 1, 2024 shall revert to water
13 development account III. The commission shall submit a report
14 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to
15 the 2023 legislative session:

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17 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Greybull Valley Irrigation		
District Storage Enlargement,	Park and Big Horn	
Phase II	Counties	\$300,000
New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement,		
Phase III	Sublette County	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 5		<u>\$1,800,000</u>

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

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1 **41-2-119. Groundwater studies.**

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3 (a) The Wyoming water development commission may grant
4 not to exceed ~~six million eight hundred thousand dollars~~
5 ~~(\$6,800,000.00)~~ eight million eight hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$8,800,000.00) to incorporated cities and towns, water and
7 sewer districts and improvement and service districts in
8 Wyoming for exploration for and feasibility studies of the
9 use of underground water for municipal and rural domestic
10 purposes, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars
11 (\$400,000.00) for any one (1) exploration or study. The
12 grants shall be made from revenues from water development
13 account I and those revenues are hereby so appropriated. Any
14 city or town, water and sewer district or service and
15 improvement district receiving a grant pursuant to this
16 section shall provide at least twenty-five percent (25%) of
17 the cost of the exploration or study from its own funds. The
18 commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing
19 application procedures for the grants.

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

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