

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0072

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 uncontracted funds; providing funding for the University  
 5 of Wyoming office of water programs; authorizing  
 6 unobligated funds to be used to complete other designated  
 7 project studies under certain conditions; and providing for  
 8 an effective date.

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

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[2014-2015 WATER PROGRAM]

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[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

1 from water development account I, as created by W.S.  
 2 41-2-124(a)(i), to the commission to be expended to conduct  
 3 the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S.  
 4 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a  
 5 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount  
 6 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review  
 7 of the select water committee, be expended by the  
 8 commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any  
 9 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds  
 10 not obligated by contract prior to July 1, 2017 shall  
 11 revert to water development account I. The commission shall  
 12 submit a report to the legislature on each of the following  
 13 studies prior to the 2016 legislative session:

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15 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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| 17 <u>PROJECT</u>                | <u>LOCATION</u>        | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 19 Buffalo Master Plan           | Johnson County         | \$190,000            |
| 20 Deaver Master Plan            | Big Horn County        | 125,000              |
| 21 Greybull Tank and Master Plan | Big Horn County        | 200,000              |
| 22 Laramie Master Plan           | Albany County          | 250,000              |
| 23 Medicine Bow River Watershed  |                        |                      |
| 24 Study                         | Albany/Carbon Counties | 375,000              |
| 25 Meeteetse Master Plan         | Park County            | 125,000              |

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|----|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1  | Moorcroft Master Plan             | Crook County               | 135,000        |
| 2  | Platte River Basin Plan Update    | Albany, Carbon, Converse,  |                |
| 3  |                                   | Fremont, Goshen, Laramie,  |                |
| 4  |                                   | Natrona, Niobrara, Platte, |                |
| 5  |                                   | Sublette and Sweetwater    |                |
| 6  |                                   | Counties                   | 350,000        |
| 7  | Thermopolis Master Plan           | Hot Springs County         | 135,000        |
| 8  | Upper North Platte Watershed      |                            |                |
| 9  | Study                             | Carbon County              | 375,000        |
| 10 | Statewide Water Research          | Statewide                  | <u>319,000</u> |
| 11 | Total appropriation for Section 1 |                            | \$2,579,000    |

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

14 DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated

15 from water development account I, as created by W.S.

16 41-2-124(a)(i), to the commission to be expended to conduct

17 the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S.

18 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a

19 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount

20 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review

21 of the select water committee, be expended by the

22 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other

23 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not

24 obligated by contract prior to July 1, 2017 shall revert to

25 water development account I. The commission shall submit a

1 report to the legislature on each of the following studies  
 2 prior to the 2016 legislative session:

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4 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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| 6 <u>PROJECT</u>                     | 7 <u>LOCATION</u>    | 8 <u>APPROPRIATION</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 9 Indian Paintbrush Water Supply     | Teton County         | \$200,000              |
| 10 Means First Extension Master      |                      |                        |
| 11 Plan/Gillette Regional            |                      |                        |
| 12 Connection                        | Campbell County      | 120,000                |
| 13 Midvale Irrigation District       |                      |                        |
| 14 Hydropower Study                  | Fremont County       | 150,000                |
| 15 Pinedale Hydropower Study         | Sublette County      | 125,000                |
| 16 South Big Horn County Rural       |                      |                        |
| 17 Water District Expansion          | Big Horn County      | 100,000                |
| 18 Sundance Water System             |                      |                        |
| 19 Feasibility Study                 | Crook County         | 183,000                |
| 20 Weather Modification Study -      | Lincoln and Sublette |                        |
| 21 Wyoming Range                     | Counties             | <u>200,000</u>         |
| 22 Total appropriation for Section 2 |                      | \$1,078,000            |

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23 **Section 3. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES -**  
 24 **REHABILITATION.** The following sums of money are  
 25 appropriated from water development account II, as created  
 26 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the commission to be expended

1 to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined  
 2 in W.S. 41-2-114. Appropriated funds not obligated by  
 3 contract prior to July 1, 2017 shall revert to water  
 4 development account II. The commission shall submit a  
 5 report to the legislature on each of the following studies  
 6 prior to the 2016 legislative session:

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8 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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| 10 <u>Project</u>                    | <u>Location</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 11                                   |                 |                      |
| 12 Bench Canal Company Master Plan   | Big Horn County | \$170,000            |
| 13 Willwood Irrigation District      |                 |                      |
| 14 Master Plan                       | Park County     | <u>160,000</u>       |
| 15 Total appropriation for Section 3 |                 | \$330,000            |
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17 **Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -**

18 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are  
 19 appropriated from water development account II, as created  
 20 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the commission to be expended  
 21 to conduct the following feasibility 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

1 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other  
 2 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not  
 3 obligated by contract prior to July 1, 2017 shall revert to  
 4 water development account II. The commission shall submit a  
 5 report to the legislature on each of the following studies  
 6 prior to the 2016 legislative session:

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## 8 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

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| 10 <u>Project</u>                        | <u>Location</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| 11                                       |                 |                      |
| 12 Cokeville Tri-Diversion               |                 |                      |
| 13     Rehabilitation                    | Lincoln County  | \$100,000            |
| 14 Lower Clear Creek Irrigation          |                 |                      |
| 15     District-Leiter Ditch             | Sheridan County | 100,000              |
| 16 Piney Cruse Diversion                 | Sheridan County | <u>75,000</u>        |
| 17     Total appropriation for Section 4 |                 | \$275,000            |

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19 **Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - STORAGE.**

20 The following sums of money are appropriated from water  
 21 development account III, as created by W.S.  
 22 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the commission to be expended to  
 23 conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in  
 24 W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a  
 25 particular project which are in excess of the actual amount

1 necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review  
 2 of the select water committee, be expended by the  
 3 commission to complete the feasibility study for any other  
 4 project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not  
 5 obligated by contract prior to July 1, 2017 shall revert to  
 6 water development account III. The commission shall submit  
 7 a report to the legislature on each of the following  
 8 studies prior to the 2016 legislative session:

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## 10 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - STORAGE]

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| 12 <u>Project</u>                    | <u>Location</u>       | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 13                                   |                       |                      |
| 14 Big Wind River Storage Study      | Fremont County        | \$350,000            |
| 15 Cottonwood/Grass Creek            |                       |                      |
| 16 Watershed Project                 | Hot Springs County    | 101,000              |
| 17 Little Wind River Storage Study   | Fremont County        | 350,000              |
| 18 Middle Piney Dam Reservoir        | Sublette County       | 300,000              |
| 19 Nowood River Storage              | Big Horn and Washakie |                      |
| 20                                   | Counties              | 225,000              |
| 21 Shell Valley Storage              | Big Horn County       | 150,000              |
| 22 Viva Naughton Enlargement         | Lincoln County        | <u>375,000</u>       |
| 23 Total appropriation for Section 5 |                       | \$1,851,000          |

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25 **Section 6.** The Wyoming water development commission  
 26 is authorized to contract with the University of Wyoming in

1 an amount not to exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand  
 2 dollars (\$175,000.00) from water development account I to  
 3 fund the office of water programs established under W.S.  
 4 41-2-125 from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016.

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6 **Section 7. REVERSIONS - NEW DEVELOPMENT.** The  
 7 following sums of money having been appropriated to the  
 8 commission for the following reconnaissance studies, shall  
 9 revert to water development account I, as created by W.S.  
 10 41-2-124(a)(i):

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12 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

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| 14 | <u>PROJECT</u>                 | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> |
|----|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 15 | Osmond Pipeline Master Plan    |                 |                      |
| 16 | (2013 Appropriation)           | Lincoln County  | <u>\$75,000</u>      |
| 17 | Total reversions for Section 7 |                 | \$75,000             |
| 18 |                                |                 |                      |
| 19 |                                |                 |                      |

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

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25 (END)