

SENATE FILE NO. SF0082

Supplemental water development funding.

Sponsored by: Select Water Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water development; providing for the
2 transfer of funds as specified; providing appropriations;
3 amending prior appropriations; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** On the effective date of this act, the state
9 auditor shall transfer seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00)
10 from unexpended, unobligated funds within the general fund,
11 or as much thereof as is available, to water development
12 account II created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii).

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14 **Section 2.**

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1 (a) The following sums of money are appropriated from
2 the general fund to the following accounts for the purposes
3 specified:

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5 (i) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to water
6 development account I created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i) for the
7 purpose of providing funding for the groundwater exploration
8 program authorized by W.S. 41-2-119;

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10 (ii) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00)
11 to water development account I created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i)
12 for the purpose of acquiring water storage capacity in
13 Fontenelle reservoir. The Wyoming water development office is
14 hereby authorized to negotiate a purchase agreement with the
15 bureau of reclamation to acquire water storage capacity in
16 Fontenelle reservoir. No funds shall be expended from this
17 appropriation until the negotiated purchase agreement is
18 approved by the Wyoming water development commission, the
19 governor and the legislature;

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21 (iii) Twenty-one million eight hundred ten
22 thousand dollars (\$21,810,000.00) to water development
23 account II created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii) for the Goshen

1 irrigation district tunnels 1 and 2 rehabilitation water
2 development project. No funds shall be expended from this
3 appropriation until the legislature authorizes the project as
4 a water development program construction project;

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6 (iv) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to water
7 development account II created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii) for
8 the purpose of funding the sponsor's contingency fund as
9 authorized in W.S. 99-3-1106(b);

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11 (v) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) to
12 water development account II created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii)
13 for the purpose of the LaPrele dam rehabilitation water
14 development project. No funds shall be expended from this
15 appropriation until the legislature authorizes the project as
16 a water development program construction project.

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18 (b) Funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this
19 section shall not be transferred or expended for any other
20 purpose. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) or
21 9-4-207, unexpended, unobligated general funds appropriated
22 under subsection (a) of this section shall revert to the water

1 development account to which they were appropriated on July
2 1, 2032.

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4 **Section 3.** W.S. 41-2-119(a), 99-3-1106(b)(iv) and (vii)
5 and 99-3-2205(d)(vii) and (e)(vii) are amended to read:

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7 **41-2-119. Groundwater studies.**

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

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

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4 **99-3-1106. Sponsor's contingency funds.**

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6 (b) Project - Sponsor's Contingency
7 Fund-Rehabilitation:

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9 (iv) Total project budget: ~~Four million five~~
10 ~~hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000.00)~~ Six million five
11 hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000.00);

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13 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
14 water development account II to the commission ~~four million~~
15 ~~five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000.00)~~ six million
16 five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000.00) or as much
17 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
18 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
19 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
20 July 1, 2026; and

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22 **99-3-2205. Level III construction projects - dams and**
23 **reservoirs.**

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2 (d) Project - Alkali Creek Reservoir:

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4 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from

5 the general fund to the commission thirty-five million

6 dollars (\$35,000,000.00) to carry out the purpose of this

7 subsection. There is appropriated from water development

8 account III to the commission ~~fifty-nine million dollars~~

9 ~~(\$59,000,000.00)~~ twenty-four million dollars

10 (\$24,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry

11 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds

12 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water

13 development account III on July 1, ~~2025-2032~~.

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15 (e) Project - Leavitt Reservoir Expansion:

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17 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from

18 the general fund to the commission thirty million dollars

19 (\$30,000,000.00) to carry out the purpose of this subsection.

20 There is appropriated from water development account III to

21 the commission ~~forty-six million dollars (\$46,000,000.00)~~

22 sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000.00) or as much thereof

23 as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.

1 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
2 revert to water development account III on July 1, ~~2025~~-2032.

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

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