

Chapter 65

OFFICE OF WATER PROGRAMS

Original Senate File No. 53

AN ACT relating to water; creating an office of water programs as specified; providing for contract authority; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 41-2-125 is created to read:

41-2-125. Office of water programs created; duties; annual report.

(a) There is created the office of water programs within the office of research at the University of Wyoming. The office of water programs shall:

(i) Work directly with the director of the Wyoming water development office to identify research needs of state and federal agencies regarding Wyoming's water resources, including funding under the National Institutes of Water Resources (NIWR);

(ii) Serve as a point of coordination for and to encourage research activities by the University of Wyoming to address the research needs identified in paragraph (i) of this subsection;

(iii) In conjunction with the Wyoming water development office, submit a report annually prior to each legislative session to the select water committee and the Wyoming water development commission on the activities of the office.

Section 2. The Wyoming water development commission is authorized to contract with the University of Wyoming in an amount not to exceed one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) from water development account I to fund the office of water programs established by this act from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2002.

Approved March 11, 2002.