



# 2008 Legislative Summary

## Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce

*Statistics in Brief: \*all legislative action and statistics are as of 5/20*

**2008 Total Chamber Positions: 49**  
**Support: 17 bills (6 signed into law)**  
**Oppose: 32 bills (19 killed or vetoed)**

**2008 Total Bills Introduced: 662**  
**2008 Total Bills Signed Into Law: 245**  
**2008 Total Bills Vetoed: 0**

**2008 Chamber success rate: 63%**

### *Chamber-supported bills*

#### Passed:

- **HB-1002:** Authorizes Mesa State to Invest Moneys
- **HB-1084:** Prepayment of Severance Tax Liability
- **HB-1183:** New Jobs Performance-based Incentive
- **HB-1189:** Prohibit Personnel Sys Employee Strike
- **HB-1225:** Business Personal Property Tax Exempt.
- **HB-1261:** Flyaway Sales Tax Exempt. for Aircraft
- **HB-1325:** Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program
- **HB-1359:** Authority of Licensed Wineries Prod.
- **SB-120:** Authorizes Use of Paycard to Pay Emp.
- **SB-135:** Health Insurance Standardized Benefits
- **SB-217:** Centennial Care Choices Program
- **SB-218:** Allocation of Fed. Mineral Lease Revenue
- **SCR-003:** Changes to Initiatives Filings

#### Killed:

- **HB-1009:** Emergency Medical Care Coverage
- **HB-1169:** Renewable Energy Curricula
- **HCR-1006:** Mill Levy Increase for Prop. Tax
- **SB-211:** Mandatory Medical Payments Coverage

### *Chamber-opposed bills*

#### Passed:

- **HB-1020:** Cost Recovery/Settlement Offers in Court
- **HB-1161:** Strengthen Mining Reclamation Standard
- **HB-1164:** New Solar Energy Technologies
- **HB-1170:** Electricians Licensing Apprentice Edu
- **HB-1186:** No Penalty for Students Missing CSAPs
- **HB-1227:** Sunset Continue Public Utilities Comm
- **HB-1356:** Landlord Tenant Attorney Fees
- **HB-1385:** Increased Health Insurance Transparency
- **HB-1389:** Increased Oversight of Insurance Rates
- **HB-1407:** Strengthening Penalties on Insurance
- **HB-1408:** Real Estate Investment Trusts
- **SB-011:** Trauma Care Reimbursement Program
- **SB-122:** Wage Transparency Act

#### Killed:

- **HB-1140:** Repeal Rent Control Prohibition
- **HB-1149:** Provide Alternative Ed in Classrooms
- **HB-1165:** Strengthen Mining Reclamation Standard
- **HB-1312:** Transportation Investment Efficiency
- **HB-1323:** Pub Contractor Qualification Standards
- **HB-1330:** Water Conservancy District Boards
- **HB-1340:** Increased Fees on Real Estate Transaction
- **HB-1341:** Alcohol Sales Tax Children Basic Health
- **HB-1357:** State & Fed Alignment of Ed Assessment
- **HB-1362:** Earned Income Tax Credit
- **HB-1381:** Mortgage Foreclosure Relief Equity Skim
- **SB-083:** Fair and Legal Employment Act
- **SB-162:** Interest on Escrow Accounts for Housing
- **SB-164:** Limitation of Liability
- **SB-187:** Carbon Monoxide in Residential Properties
- **SB-189:** Paper Ballots in 2008 Election
- **SB-213:** Designate Portion of I-70 as Toll Highway
- **SB-244:** Transportation Infrastructure Preservation

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