



Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce

Bill Tracking Report

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The Chamber's Bill Tracking Sheet is a weekly update of legislation from the current session that business owners and community leaders should be aware of. For questions on a specific bill, contact Ryan at rlongman@gjchamber.org.

Economic Development

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1001	ESTABLISHES THE COLORADO JOB GROWTH INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT UNDER THE COLORADO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	RICE / HEATH	Introduced In House- Bus. Affairs & Labor	Monitoring
HB09-1068	EXEMPTS PERCENTAGE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BASED ON OUT-OF-STATE SALES. PROVIDES FOR STATE BACK-FILL BASED ON BUDGET	LAMBERT / SCHEFFEL	Introduced In House - Finance	Monitoring
SB09-001	ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS	GIBBS/PENRY KING S.	Senate – 3 rd Reading Passed	Neutral
SB09-016	OFFERS COMPANIES 5 YEAR EXEMPTION FROM BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR HARVESTING BEETLE-KILLED TIMBER	KOPP / KING S.	Introduced In Senate - Finance	Support
SB09-067	REESTABLISHES THE COLORADO CREDIT RESERVE PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN	HEATH / MAROSTICA	Introduced in Senate – Bus. Labor and Tech.	Monitoring
SB09-095	ENACTS THE "CONSTRUCTION PROMPT PAYMENT REFORM ACT OF 2009"	TAPIA/ RIESBERG	Introduced in Senate – State, Vet. & Military Affairs	Monitoring
SB09-121	ELIMINATES REQUIREMENT THAT RESTAURANT EMPLOYEE MEALS BE CONSIDERED IN QUALIFYING FOR SALES AND USE TAX EMEMPTION	WHITE/ MAY	Introduced in Senate – Finance	None

Energy

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
SB09-004	MORATORIUM ON THE RULES OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONCERNING PERMIT REVIEW, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND WILDLIFE SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2010	BROPHY / BRADFORD	Senate – Local Gov. and Energy	Support
HB09-1038	OIL SHALE SEVERANCE TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDES ADDITIONAL SEVERANCE TAX EXEMPTION INCENTIVES FOR OIL SHALE PRODUCTION	LUNDBERG	Introduced In House – Finance	None
HB09-1055	REQUIRES UTILITIES TO DISCLOSE "CARBON FOOTPRINT" ON CUSTOMER BILLS	GREEN	House – Transportation & Energy	NEW - Oppose
HB09-1056	INCREASED PENALTIES FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL VIOLATIONS	MCANN/ KOPP	Introduced in House – Health & Human Svcs.	None
HB09-	RISK OF DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES CAUSED	PENISTON /	House –	None

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HB09-1156	REQUIRES THE PUC TO ASSESS DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF CLOSING A POWER PLANT	BRADFORD/ MITCHELL	House – Trans & Energy	None
HB09-1161	REDUCES THE TIME FOR AN OIL AND GAS OPERATOR OR OWNER TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING A VAULTATION STATEMENT TO A COUNTY ASSESSOR	BAUMGARD.. GIBBS BRADFORD KING S.	Introduced in House – Ag. Livestock and Nat. Res.	None
HB09-1167	PROHIBITS THE COGCC FROM PROMULGATING ANY RULE PERSUANT TO THE “COLORADO HABITAT STEWARDSHIP ACT OF 2007”	MCKINLEY	Introduced in House – Ag, Livestock and Nat. Res.	None

Healthcare/Insurance

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1012	INCENTIVES WELLNESS & PREVENTION PROGRAM – INCENTIVES THAT COULD PROVIDE HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTIONS	RICE / MITCHELL	House – 2 nd Reading Laid Over	None
HB09-1035	SALES TAX REFUNDS FOR SMALL “CLEAN” TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICAL DEVICE COMPANIES	RIESBERG/ HEATH	Introduced In House – Finance	None
HB09-1166	PAY-AS-YOU-DRIVE AUTO INSURANCE RATES	LEVY	Introduced in House – Bus. Affairs & Labor	None

Higher Ed

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1063	IN-STATE TUITION FOR STUDENTS WHOS PARENTS MOVE TO COLORADO FOR JOB	SUMMERS / PENRY	House – Appropriations	None
HB09-1074	GRANTS VOTING RIGHTS TO MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BOARDS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER ED WHO ARE ALSO FACULTY MEMBERS	MIDDLETON	House- Postponed Indefinitely	Monitoring

Immigration

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
SB09-023	ESTABLISHES THE “FAIR AND LEGAL EMPLOYMENT ACT” REPEALS CURRENT REQUIREMENTS THAT EMPLOYERS EXAMINE AND RETAIN RECORDS OF LEGAL STATUS OF NEW EMPLOYEES (ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO REQUIRE CO EMPLOYERS TO USE FEDERAL E-VERIFY SYSTEM	SCHULTHEIS / LAMBERT	Introduced In Senate – State Vet. & MA	Oppose

K-12 Education

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1009	REQUIRES PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY AND POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT CERTAIN EMERGENCY SAFETY DRILLS BEGINNING IN 2010-2011	KING	House Education – Lay over amended	None

Mandates/Regulations

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1057	REQUIRES EMPLOYERS WITH 10+ EMPLOYEES TO ALLOW 40 HOURS OF UNPAID LEAVE FOR "ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES" FOR CHILDREN IN K-12	KERR A. / BACON	House Education – Witness Testimony	Oppose
HB09-1085	MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSING ACT	RICE / HEATH	Introduced in House – Bus. Affairs & Labor	None
HB09-1091	REQUIREMENT THAT CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS BE INSTALLED IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES	SOPER, COURT/ ROMER	House Bus. Affairs & Labor Witness Testimony	Oppose
HB09-1108	SUBJECTS AN EMPLOYER TO A \$50 PER DAY PENALTY IF, 2 OR MORE TIMES IN A 24 MONTH PERIOD, THE EMPLOYER CAUSES AN EMPLOYEE'S PAYCHECK TO BOUNCE	KERR A./ BOYD	Introduced in House – Bus. Affairs & Labor	NEW - Oppose
HB09-1117	PROHIBITS UNEARNED COMPENSATION GIVEN TO A PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY IF IT IS UNDERCAPITALIZED OR EXPECTED TO BECOME UNDERCAPITALIZED	FRANGAS	Introduced in House – Bus. Affairs & Labor	NEW - Oppose
HB09-1149	REQUIRES HOMEBUILDERS TO OFFER PROSPECTIVE HOME BUYERS OPTIONS AND INFORMATION ON THE HOME'S SOLAR ENERGY POTENTIAL	MERRIFIELD CARROLL M.	Introduced in House – Transportation and Energy	None
SB09-008	CONCERNING THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE AGAINST A PERSON WHO MAKES AN UNLAWFUL ENTRY INTO A PLACE OF BUSINESS	HARVEY / GARDNER C.	Introduced In Senate-State, Vet. & MA	Monitoring
SB09-028	REAL ESTATE LICENSE FEE INCREASE LIMIT; LIMITS INCREASE TO REAL ESTATE LICENSE FEES TO NO MORE THAN 20% ANNUALLY AND NO MORE THAN 50% BETWEEN SUNSET REVIEWS OR IN A TEN YEAR PERIOD	HARVEY / GEROU	Introduced In Senate – State, Vet. & MA	None

Taxation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB08-1081	CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX CREDITS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION IN THE STATE	LUNDBERG	Introduced In House-Finance	None

Transportation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1034	CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE PROPERTY TAX	LISTON/ GIBBS	House – 2 nd Reading Laid Over	None
HB09-1051	FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE MONEY FOR LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION; DIRECTS 50% OF FML REVENUE TO TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN ENERGY IMPACTED AREAS	BAUMGARDNER	Introduced In House – Ag., Livestock & Nat. Res.	None

SB09-002	INCREASES A REGISTRATION FEE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES FROM \$1 TO \$2 TO FUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND	MORSE / PENISTON	Introduced in Senate - Transportation	None
SB09-094	CREATES A TRANSIT AND RAIL DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	WILLIAMS/ LEVY	Introduced in Senate – Transportation	None
SB09-108	FASTER TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PLAN INCLUDES: ROAD SAFETY SURCHARGE, DAILY VEHICLE RENTAL FEE, VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE, VMT PILOT PROGRAM, TOLLING AUTHORITY, ETC.	GIBBS/ RICE	Introduced In Senate – Transportation	None

Workers' Compensation/ Unemployment Insurance

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1076	REMUNERATION FROM EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION	PACE	Introduced in House – Business Affairs & Labor	None
HB09-1170	ALLOWS AN EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO A LOCKOUT INITIATED BY AN EMPLOYER TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS	CASSO/ PACE TOCHTROP	Introduced In House – Business Affairs & Labor	NEW - Oppose
SB09-076	CREATES THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTOMATION INITIATIVES. DECREASES FROM 50% TO 30% THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. FUND	HEATH/ SCHWARTZ COURT	Introduced In Senate – Bus. Labor & Technology	None