



# 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](mailto:rlongman@gjchamber.org).

### Economic Development

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

### Energy

| Bill #                    | Bill Title  | Sponsors                      | Status                               | GJCC Position       |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">SB09-004</a>  | <del>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</del> | <del>BROPHY/ BRADFORD</del>   | Postponed Indefinitely               | <b>Support</b>      |
| <a href="#">HB09-1038</a> | <del>OIL SHALE SEVERANCE TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDES ADDITIONAL SEVERANCE TAX EXEMPTION INCENTIVES FOR OIL SHALE PRODUCTION</del>   | <del>LUNDBERG</del>           | Postponed Indefinitely               | None                |
| <a href="#">HB09-1055</a> | <del>REQUIRES UTILITIES TO DISCLOSE “CARBON FOOTPRINT” ON CUSTOMER BILLS</del>  | <del>GREEN</del>              | Postponed Indefinitely               | <b>Oppose</b>       |
| <a href="#">HB09-1056</a> | INCREASED PENALTIES FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL VIOLATIONS   | MCANN/ KOPP                   | Senate – Health & Human Srvcs.       | None                |
| <a href="#">HB09-1092</a> | RISK OF DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES CAUSED BY EXCAVATION   | PENISTON / KESTER             | House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Pass | <b>NEW - Oppose</b> |
| <a href="#">HB09-1156</a> | <del>REQUIRES THE PUC TO ASSESS DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF CLOSING A POWER PLANT</del>  | <del>BRADFORD/ MITCHELL</del> | Postponed Indefinitely               | None                |

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| <a href="#">HB09-1161</a> | REDUCES THE TIME FOR AN OIL AND GAS OPERATOR OR OWNER TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING A VAULTATION STATEMENT TO A COUNTY ASSESSOR                       | BAUMGARD..<br>GIBBS<br>BRADFORD<br>KING S. | Senate – Ag.<br>and Nat. Res.             | None                 |
| <a href="#">HB09-1167</a> | PROHIBITS THE COGCC FROM PROMULGATING ANY RULE PERSUANT TO THE “COLORADO HABITAT STEWARDSHIP ACT OF 2007”  | MCKINLEY                                   | House – Ag,<br>Livestock and<br>Nat. Res. | None                 |
| <a href="#">HB09-1255</a> | LIMITATIONS ON THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE COGCC ON OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY STATE ENTITIES OTHER THAN THE COMMISSION | GARDNER C./<br>KOPP                        | House – Ag,<br>Livestock and<br>Nat. Res. | <b>NEW - Support</b> |

### Healthcare/Insurance

| Bill #                    | Bill Title  | Sponsors                   | Status  | GJCC Position        |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| <a href="#">HB09-1012</a> | INCENTIVES WELLNESS & PREVENTION PROGRAM – INCENTIVES THAT COULD PROVIDE HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTIONS                                    | RICE /<br>MITCHELL         | Senate –<br>Health and<br>Human<br>Services             | <b>NEW - Support</b> |
| <a href="#">HB09-1059</a> | HEALTH COVERAGE DURING CLINICAL TRIAL   | PRIMAVERA                  | House – 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Reading Laid<br>over to 2/13 | None                 |
| <a href="#">HB09-1143</a> | HMOs OFFER LIMITED BENEFIT PLANS  | SWALM/<br>SCHWARTZ         | House – Bus.<br>Affairs &<br>Labor                      | None                 |
| <a href="#">HB09-1166</a> | <del>PAY-AS-YOU-DRIVE AUTO INSURANCE RATES</del>  | <del>LEVY</del>            | Postponed<br>Indefinitely                               | None                 |
| <a href="#">HB09-1204</a> | EXPANDS REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES   | MASSEY                     | House – Bus.<br>Affairs &<br>Labor                      | None                 |
| <a href="#">HB09-1224</a> | PROHIBITS THE CONSIDERATION OF GENDER IN CONSIDERING RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES                                     | SCHAFFER S./<br>CARROLL M. | House – Bus.<br>Affairs &<br>Labor                      | None                 |
| <a href="#">HB09-1273</a> | CREATION OF A HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT SHALL BE THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN COLORADO | KEFALAS/<br>FOSTER         | House – Bus.<br>Affairs &<br>Labor                      | None                 |
| <a href="#">SB09-037</a>  | SUBSEQUENT INJURY MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND  | KOPP/<br>MCNULTY           | Senate –<br>State, Vet. &<br>MA                         | None                 |

### Higher Ed

| Bill #                    | Bill Title   | Sponsors                         | Status                    | GJCC Position |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <a href="#">HB09-1063</a> | IN-STATE TUITION FOR STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS MOVE TO COLORADO FOR JOB   | SUMMERS /<br>PENRY               | House –<br>Appropriations | None          |
| <a href="#">HB09-1272</a> | IMPLEMENTS “AMENDMENT 50”, THE INITIATED MEASURE APPROVED BY COLORADO VOTERS AT THE NOV. 2008 GENERAL ELECTION | MASSEY/<br>POMMER<br>TAPIA/PENRY | House –<br>Education      | None          |

## Immigration

| Bill #                   | Bill Title  | Sponsors             | Status                 | GJCC Position |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <a href="#">SB09-023</a> | 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 | Postponed Indefinitely | Oppose        |

## K-12 Education

| Bill #                    | Bill Title   | Sponsors | Status                 | GJCC Position |
|---------------------------|--|----------|------------------------|---------------|
| <a href="#">HB09-1009</a> | REQUIRES PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY AND POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT CERTAIN EMERGENCY SAFETY DRILLS BEGINNING IN 2010-2011 | KING     | Postponed Indefinitely | None          |

## Mandates/Regulations

| Bill #                    | Bill Title   | Sponsors              | Status                                  | GJCC Position |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|---------------|
| <a href="#">HB09-1057</a> | REQUIRES EMPLOYERS WITH 10+ EMPLOYEES TO ALLOW 40 HOURS OF UNPAID LEAVE FOR "ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES" FOR CHILDREN IN K-12                             | KERR A. / BACON       | House – Third Reading Passed            | Oppose        |
| <a href="#">HB09-1085</a> | MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSING ACT   | RICE / HEATH          | House – Appropriations                  | None          |
| <a href="#">HB09-1091</a> | REQUIREMENT THAT CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS BE INSTALLED IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES   | SOPER, COURT/ ROMER   | Senate – State, Vet. & Military Affairs | Oppose        |
| <a href="#">HB09-1108</a> | 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         | House – Bus. Affairs & Labor            | Oppose        |
| <a href="#">HB09-1117</a> | PROHIBITS UNEARNED COMPENSATION GIVEN TO A PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY IF IT IS UNDERCAPITALIZED OR EXPECTED TO BECOME UNDERCAPITALIZED | FRANGAS               | House – Bus. Affairs & Labor            | Oppose        |
| <a href="#">HB09-1149</a> | REQUIRES HOMEBUILDERS TO OFFER PROSPECTIVE HOME BUYERS OPTIONS AND INFORMATION ON THE HOME'S SOLAR ENERGY POTENTIAL                                | MERRIFIELD CARROLL M. | House – Appropriations                  | None          |
| <a href="#">HB09-1208</a> | PUBLIC WORKS PREVAILING WAGES & BENEFITS   | SOPER                 | House – Bus. Affairs & Labor            | NEW - Oppose  |
| <a href="#">HB09-1210</a> | REQUIRES THAT COMPANIES WITH AT LEAST SIX WORKERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES   | MCGIHON CARROLL M.    | House – Bus. Affairs & Labor            | NEW - Oppose  |
| <a href="#">SB09-008</a>  | CONCERNING THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE AGAINST A PERSON WHO MAKES AN UNLAWFUL ENTRY INTO A PLACE OF BUSINESS   | HARVEY / GARDNER C.   | Postponed Indefinitely                  | None          |

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|--------------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">SB09-028</a> | 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 | Senate – State, Vet. & MA, Reconsider | None                |
| <a href="#">SB09-110</a> | CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES   | MORSE/ LEVY    | Senate – Judiciary                    | <b>NEW - Oppose</b> |

### Taxation

| Bill #                    | Bill Title  | Sponsors                  | Status                  | GJCC Position        |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <a href="#">HB08-1081</a> | CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX CREDITS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION IN THE STATE | LUNDBERG                  | House- Appropriations   | None                 |
| <a href="#">SB09-085</a>  | PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY             | SCHEFFEL/ LAMBERT, PRIOLA | Senate – Appropriations | <b>NEW - Support</b> |

### Transportation

| Bill #                    | Bill Title   | Sponsors               | Status                                    | GJCC Position |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---------------|
| <a href="#">HB09-1034</a> | CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE PROPERTY TAX  | LISTON/ GIBBS          | Senate - Finance                          | None          |
| <a href="#">HB09-1051</a> | <del>FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE MONEY FOR LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION; DIRECTS 50% OF FML REVENUE TO TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN ENERGY IMPACTED AREAS</del>                 | <del>BAUMGARDNER</del> | Postponed Indefinitely                    | None          |
| <a href="#">HB09-1271</a> | IMPOSES A 60 CENT FEE ON THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE STATE TITLING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM                                       | LABUDA                 | House – Transportation Energy and Finance | None          |
| <a href="#">SB09-002</a>  | INCREASES A REGISTRATION FEE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES FROM \$1 TO \$2 TO FUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND                                   | MORSE / PENISTON       | Senate - Appropriations                   | None          |
| <a href="#">SB09-094</a>  | CREATES A TRANSIT AND RAIL DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  | WILLIAMS/ LEVY         | Senate – Transportation                   | None          |
| <a href="#">SB09-108</a>  | FASTER TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PLAN INCLUDES: ROAD SAFETY SURCHARGE, DAILY VEHICLE RENTAL FEE, VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE, VMT PILOT PROGRAM, TOLLING AUTHORITY, ETC. | GIBBS/ RICE            | House – Transportation & Energy           | Monitoring    |

## Workers' Compensation/ Unemployment Insurance

| <b>Bill #</b>             | <b>Bill Title</b>   | <b>Sponsors</b>             | <b>Status</b>                    | <b>GJCC Position</b> |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <a href="#">HB09-1076</a> | REMUNERATION FROM EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION   | PACE                        | House – Appropriations           | None                 |
| <a href="#">HB09-1170</a> | ALLOWS AN EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO A LOCKOUT INITIATED BY AN EMPLOYER TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYEMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS  | CASSO/<br>PACE<br>TOCHTROP  | House – Business Affairs & Labor | <b>Oppose</b>        |
| <a href="#">SB09-076</a>  | 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/<br>SCHWARTZ<br>COURT | Senate – Appropriations          | None                 |