



# 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	Senate – Appropriations	Support
<a href="#">SB09-001</a>	ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS	GIBBS/PENRY KING S.	Sent to Governor	Neutral
<a href="#">SB09-016</a>	OFFERS COMPANIES 5 YEAR EXEMPTION FROM BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR HARVESTING BEETLE-KILLED TIMBER	KOPP / KING S.	House – Appropriations	Support
<a href="#">SB09-067</a>	REESTABLISHES THE COLORADO CREDIT RESERVE PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN	HEATH / MAROSTICA	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over Daily	Support
<a href="#">SB09-095</a>	ENACTS THE “CONSTRUCTION PROMPT PAYMENT REFORM ACT OF 2009”	TAPIA/ RIESBERG	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over Daily	Support

### 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	Support
<a href="#">SB09-229</a>	<del>COLORADO OIL AND GAS COMMISSION WILDLIFE PROTECTION</del>	<del>ISGAR/ CURRY</del>	Postponed Indefinitely	Monitor
<a href="#">HB09-1055</a>	<del>REQUIRES UTILITIES TO DISCLOSE “CARBON FOOTPRINT” ON CUSTOMER BILLS</del>	<del>GREEN</del>	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
<a href="#">HB09-1092</a>	<del>RISK OF DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES CAUSED BY EXCAVATION</del>	<del>PENISTON / KESTER</del>	Sent to Governor	Oppose
<a href="#">HB09-1167</a>	<del>PROHIBITS THE COGCC FROM PROMULGATING ANY RULE PURSUANT TO THE “COLORADO HABITAT STEWARDSHIP ACT OF 2007”</del>	<del>MCKINLEY</del>	Postponed Indefinitely	None
<a href="#">HB09-1255</a>	<del>LIMITATIONS ON THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE COGCC ON OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY STATE ENTITIES OTHER THAN THE COMMISSION</del>	<del>GARDNER C./ KOPP</del>	House – Ag, Livestock and Nat. Res.	Support
<a href="#">HB09-1292</a>	RULE REVIEW BILL – INCLUDES THE COGCC RULEMAKING	MCGIHON / VEIGA	Senate – Committee of the Whole	Requesting Amendments

## 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 / MITCHELL	House – Repass with Senate Amen.	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1059</a>	HEALTH COVERAGE DURING CLINICAL TRIAL	PRIMAVERA	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	None
<a href="#">HB09-1143</a>	HMOs OFFER LIMITED BENEFIT PLANS	SWALM/ SCHWARTZ	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over Daily	None
<a href="#">HB09-1224</a>	PROHIBITS THE CONSIDERATION OF GENDER IN CONSIDERING RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES	SCHAFFER S./ CARROLL M.	Senate – Committee of the Whole	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/ FOSTER	House – Bus. Affairs & Labor	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1293</a>	COLORADO HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY ACT – PROVIDER FEE FOR MEDICAID	RIESBERG/ KELLER	House – Appropriations	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">SB09-037</a>	SUBSEQUENT INJURY MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND	KOPP/ MCNULTY	Senate – Appropriations	None
<a href="#">SB09-103</a>	UNFAIR PRACTICE INCENTIVES DENY CLAIMS	CARROLL M.	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over Daily	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-159</a>	DEPENDENT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE	SANDOVAL	House – Bus. Affairs & Labor	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-244</a>	INSURANCE COVERAGE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS	SHAFFER B. / PRIMAVERA	Senate – Health & Human Svcs	<b>NEW - Oppose</b>

## Higher Ed

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">HB09-1063</a>	IN-STATE TUITION FOR STUDENTS WHOS PARENTS MOVE TO COLORADO FOR JOB	SUMMERS / PENRY	House – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over	None
<a href="#">HB09-1272</a>	IMPLEMENTS “AMENDMENT 50”, THE INITIATED MEASURE APPROVED BY COLORADO VOTERS AT THE NOV. 2008 GENERAL ELECTION	MASSEY/ POMMER TAPIA/PENRY	House – Repass with Sen. Amend.	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	<b>Oppose</b>

## 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	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1091</a>	REQUIREMENT THAT CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS BE INSTALLED IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES	SOPER, COURT/ ROMER	House – Repass with Sen. Amend.	<b>Oppose</b>
<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 – Request Conf. Committee	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1117</a>	<del>PROHIBITS UNEARNED COMPENSATION GIVEN TO A PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY IF IT IS UNDERCAPITALIZED OR EXPECTED TO BECOME UNDERCAPITALIZED</del>	<del>FRANGAS</del>	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<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.	Senate – Appropriations	None
<a href="#">HB09-1208</a>	<del>PUBLIC WORKS PREVAILING WAGES &amp; BENEFITS</del>	<del>SOPER</del>	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1210</a>	<del>REQUIRES THAT COMPANIES WITH AT LEAST SIX WORKERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES</del>	<del>MCGIHON CARROLL M.</del>	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<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 – Appropriations	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-180</a>	FIREFIGHTER & LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	TOCHTROP	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over Daily	<b>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>Support</b>
<a href="#">SB09-212</a>	VENDOR FEE ALLOWANCE RESTRICTION	WHITE / POMMER	Governor Action - Signed	<b>Oppose</b>

<a href="#">SB09-228</a>	FLEXIBILITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO USE STATE REVENUES	MORSE/ MAROSTICA	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	<b>New - Oppose</b>
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### **Transportation**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>GJCC Position</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1034</a>	CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE PROPERTY TAX	LISTON/ GIBBS	Senate – Committee of the Whole	None
<a href="#">HB09-1274</a>	<del>IMPOSES A 60-CENT FEE ON THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE STATE TITLING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM</del>	<del>LABUDA</del>	Postponed Indefinitely	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	House – Finance	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	Governor Action – Signed	<b>Support with Conditions (Conditions of final bill were not met)</b>

### **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	Senate – Appropriations	None
<a href="#">HB09-1170</a>	ALLOWS AN EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO A LOCKOUT INITIATED BY AN EMPLOYER TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS	CASSO/ PACE TOCHTROP	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Laid Over to 3/19	<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/ SCHWARTZ COURT	House – Finance	None
<a href="#">SB09-243</a>	WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS PAYMENT FOR MENTAL DISTRESS	BOYD	Senate – Appropriations	<b>NEW - Oppose</b>