



# 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 – Repass w/ Senate Amen.	Support
<a href="#">SB09-001</a>	ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS	GIBBS/PENRY KING S.	<b>Governor Action - Signed</b>	Neutral
<a href="#">SB09-016</a>	<del>OFFERS COMPANIES 5 YEAR EXEMPTION FROM BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR HARVESTING BEETLE-KILLED TIMBER</del>	<del>KOPP / KING S.</del>	Postponed Indefinitely	Support
<a href="#">SB09-067</a>	REESTABLISHES THE COLORADO CREDIT RESERVE PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN	HEATH / MAROSTICA	House – Committee of the Whole	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 to 5/10	Support

### Energy

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">SB09-004</a>	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	Postponed Indefinitely	Support
<a href="#">SB09-229</a>	COLORADO OIL AND GAS COMMISSION WILDLIFE PROTECTION	ISCAR/ CURRY	Postponed Indefinitely	Monitor
<a href="#">HB09-1055</a>	REQUIRES UTILITIES TO DISCLOSE “CARBON FOOTPRINT” ON CUSTOMER BILLS	GREEN	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
<a href="#">HB09-1092</a>	RISK OF DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES CAUSED BY EXCAVATION	PENISTON / KESTER	<b>Governor Action - Signed</b>	Oppose
<a href="#">HB09-1167</a>	PROHIBITS THE COGCC FROM PROMULGATING ANY RULE PURSUANT TO THE “COLORADO HABITAT STEWARDSHIP ACT OF 2007”	MCKINLEY	Postponed Indefinitely	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./ KOPP	Postponed Indefinitely	Support
<a href="#">HB09-1292</a>	RULE REVIEW BILL – INCLUDES THE COGCC RULEMAKING	MCGIHON / VEIGA	Sent to Governor	<b>Oppose COGCC Portion</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 / 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	<b>Governor Action - Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">HB09-1224</a>	PROHIBITS THE CONSIDERATION OF GENDER IN CONSIDERING RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES	SCHAFFER S./ CARROLL M.	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	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 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Laid Over to 7/5/2009	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1293</a>	COLORADO HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY ACT – PROVIDER FEE FOR MEDICAID	RIESBERG/ KELLER	Sent to Governor	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1344</a>	INFLATION MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DAMAGES	SCANLAN / BOYD	House – Judiciary	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-037</a>	SUBSEQUENT INJURY MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND	KOPP/ MCNULTY	House – Appropriations	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">SB09-103</a>	UNFAIR PRACTICE INCENTIVES DENY CLAIMS	CARROLL M.	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-159</a>	DEPENDENT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE	SANDOVAL	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-244</a>	INSURANCE COVERAGE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS	SHAFFER B. / PRIMAVERA	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading laid over daily	<b>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	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	None
<a href="#">HB09-1272</a>	IMPLEMENTS “AMENDMENT 50”, THE INITIATED MEASURE APROVED BY COLORADO VOTERS AT THE NOV. 2008 GENERAL ELECTION	MASSEY/ POMMER TAPIA/PENRY	Sent to Governor	None

## Initiatives

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">HB09-1299</a>	NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE AGREEMENT	KERR A. / ROMER	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid over Daily	<b>Monitor</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1326</a>	CONCERNING THE INTEGRITY OF THE STATEWIDE CITIZEN-INITIATED PETITION PROCESS	CARROLL T. / SHAFFER B. , PENRY	Senate – State, Vet. & Military Affrs	<b>Support</b>

## 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 TO ALLOW 18 HOURS OF UNPAID LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN FOR "ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES" FOR CHILDREN IN K-12	KERR A. / BACON	House – Conference Committee Adopt Rerevised w/Amend	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1091</a>	REQUIREMENT THAT CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS BE INSTALLED IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES	SOPER, COURT/ ROMER	<b>Governor Action – Signed</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB09-1108</a>	SUBJECTS AN EMPLOYER TO A PENALTY IF, 2 OR MORE TIMES IN A 24 MONTH PERIOD, THE EMPLOYER CAUSES AN EMPLOYEE'S PAYCHECK TO BOUNCE	KERR A./ BOYD	Sent to Governor	<b>Oppose</b>
<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	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.	House – Repass with Sen. Amend.	None
<a href="#">HB09-1208</a>	<del>PUBLIC WORKS PREVAILING WAGES &amp; BENEFITS</del>	SOPER	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>	MCGIHON CARROLL M.	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	House - Judiciary	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-180</a>	FIREFIGHTER & LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	TOCHTROP	House – State, Vet. & Military Affrs.	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-246</a>	<del>AWARD OF MORATORY INTEREST TO CLAIMANTS IN RES. CONSTRUCTION DEFECT ACTIONS – "HOMEOWNERS PROTECTION ACT OF 2009"</del>	MORSE/ POMMER	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>

## Taxation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">HB09-1081</a>	CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX CREDITS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION IN THE STATE	LUNDBERG	House- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid over Daily	None
<a href="#">HB09-1310</a>	CONCERNING THE MISCLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS	LEVY/ HEATH	Senate – Bus. Labor and Technology	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-085</a>	PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY	SCHEFFEL/ LAMBERT, PRIOLA	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid over Daily	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">SB09-212</a>	VENDOR FEE ALLOWANCE RESTRICTION	WHITE / POMMER	<b>Governor Action - Signed</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-228</a>	FLEXIBILITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO USE STATE REVENUES	MORSE/ MAROSTICA	House – Trans & Energy	<b>Oppose</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	Sent to Governor	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>	LABUDA	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 – Committee of the Whole	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	<b>Governor Action – Signed</b>	<b>Support with Conditions (Conditions of final bill were not met)</b>

## Workers' Compensation/ Unemployment Insurance

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<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	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over Daily	<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 – Appropriations	None

<a href="#">SB09-243</a>	WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS PAYMENT FOR MENTAL DISTRESS	BOYD	House – Business Affairs & Labor	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-247</a>	CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF BENEFITS FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN COLORADO	TOCHTROP / PACE	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over Daily	<b>Oppose as Written</b>
<a href="#">SB09-273</a>	CHANGES LAWS CONCERNING PINNACOL ASSURNACE TO ALLOW THE STATE TO AUGMENT SURPLUS FUNDS OF PINNACOL ASSURANCE TO THE STATE TREASURY	WHITE / MAROSTICA	House - Appropriations	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB09-281</a>	CLARIFYING THE OPERATION OF PINNACOL ASSURANCE AS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, AND REQUIRING PINNACOL TO PAY A POLICYHOLDER DIVIDEND	SHAFFER B. WEISSMANN	House – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over Daily	<b>Oppose</b>