



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	Sent to Governor	Support
SB09-001	ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS	GIBBS/PENRY KING S.	Governor Action - Signed	Neutral
SB09-016	OFFERS COMPANIES 5 YEAR EXEMPTION FROM BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR HARVESTING BEETLE-KILLED TIMBER	KOPP / KING S.	Postponed Indefinitely	Support
SB09-067	REESTABLISHES THE COLORADO CREDIT RESERVE PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN	HEATH / MAROSTICA	Senate – Repass w/ House Amen.	Support
SB09-095	ENACTS THE “CONSTRUCTION PROMPT PAYMENT REFORM ACT OF 2009”	TAPIA/ RIESBERG	Senate – 2 nd Reading Laid Over to 5/10	Support

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	Postponed Indefinitely	Support
SB09-229	COLORADO OIL AND GAS COMMISSION WILDLIFE PROTECTION	ISGAR/ CURRY	Postponed Indefinitely	Monitor
HB09-1055	REQUIRES UTILITIES TO DISCLOSE “CARBON FOOTPRINT” ON CUSTOMER BILLS	GREEN	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
HB09-1092	RISK OF DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES CAUSED BY EXCAVATION	PENISTON / KESTER	Governor Action - Signed	Oppose
HB09-1167	PROHIBITS THE COGCC FROM PROMULGATING ANY RULE PURSUANT TO THE “COLORADO HABITAT STEWARDSHIP ACT OF 2007”	MCKINLEY	Postponed Indefinitely	None
HB09-1256	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
HB09-1292	RULE REVIEW BILL – INCLUDES THE COGCC RULEMAKING	MCGIHON / VEIGA	Governor Action - Signed	Oppose COGCC Portion
HB09-1323	ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY COOPERATIVE ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATIONS	LEVY / VEIGA	House – 2 nd Reading Laid Over Daily	None

HB09-1350	CONCERNING THE NEW ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS AND JOBS CREATION ACT OF 2009	MIKLOSI/ HEATH	House – 2 nd Reading Laid Over to 5/9/09	None
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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	Governor Action - Signed	Support
HB09-1059	HEALTH COVERAGE DURING CLINICAL TRIAL	PRIMAVERA	Sent to Governor	None
HB09-1143	HMOs OFFER LIMITED BENEFIT PLANS	SWALM/ SCHWARTZ	Governor Action - Signed	None
HB09-1224	PROHIBITS THE CONSIDERATION OF GENDER IN CONSIDERING RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES	SCHAFFER S./ CARROLL M.	Senate – 3 rd Reading Passed	None
HB09-1273	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 rd Reading Laid Over to 7/5/2009	Oppose
HB09-1293	COLORADO HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY ACT – PROVIDER FEE FOR MEDICAID	RIESBERG/ KELLER	Governor Action - Signed	Support
HB09-1344	INFLATION MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DAMAGES	SCANLAN/ BOYD	House – 3 rd Reading Lost	Oppose
HB09-1358	CREATE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR COLORADO	RICE	Postponed Indefinitely	None
SB09-037	SUBSEQUENT INJURY MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND	KOPP/ MCNULTY	Senate – Repass w/ House Amen.	Support
SB09-103	UNFAIR PRACTICE INCENTIVES DENY CLAIMS	CARROLL M.	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
SB09-159	DEPENDENT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE	SANDOVAL	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
SB09-244	INSURANCE COVERAGE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS	SHAFFER B. / PRIMAVERA	House – Bus. Affairs & Labor	Oppose

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	Sent to Governor	None
HB09-1272	IMPLEMENTS “AMENDMENT 50”, THE INITIATED MEASURE APPROVED BY COLORADO VOTERS AT THE NOV. 2008 GENERAL ELECTION	MASSEY/ POMMER TAPIA/PENRY	Governor Action - Signed	None

Initiatives

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1299	NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE AGREEMENT	KERR A. / ROMER	Senate – 2 nd Reading Laid over Daily	Monitor
HB09-1326	CONCERNING THE INTEGRITY OF THE STATEWIDE CITIZEN-INITIATED PETITION PROCESS	CARROLL T. / SHAFFER B. , PENRY	Senate – Committee of the Whole	Support

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	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose

Mandates/Regulations

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1057	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	Senate – Adopt Committee Report - Repass	Oppose
HB09-1091	REQUIREMENT THAT CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS BE INSTALLED IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES	SOPER, COURT/ ROMER	Governor Action – Signed	Oppose
HB09-1108	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	Governor Action - Signed	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	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
HB09-1149	REQUIRES HOMEBUILDERS TO OFFER PROSPECTIVE HOME BUYERS OPTIONS AND INFORMATION ON THE HOME’S SOLAR ENERGY POTENTIAL	MERRIFIELD CARROLL M.	Sent to Governor	None
HB09-1208	PUBLIC WORKS PREVAILING WAGES & BENEFITS	SOPER	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
HB09-1210	REQUIRES THAT COMPANIES WITH AT LEAST SIX WORKERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES	MCGIHON CARROLL M.	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
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	Senate – State, Vet. & MA, Reconsider	None
SB09-110	CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES	MORSE/ LEVY	House - Appropriations	New - Support
SB09-180	FIREFIGHTER & LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	TOCHTROP	House – Committee of the Whole	Oppose

SB09-246	AWARD OF MORATORY INTEREST TO CLAIMANTS IN RES. CONSTRUCTION DEFECT ACTIONS – “HOMEOWNERS PROTECTION ACT OF 2009”	MORSE/ POMMER	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
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Taxation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1310	CONCERNING THE MISCLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS	LEVY/ HEATH	Senate – Committee of the Whole	Oppose
SB09-085	PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY	SCHEFFEL/ LAMBERT, PRIOLA	Senate – Appropriations Refer Amended to Committee of the Whole	Support
SB09-212	VENDOR FEE ALLOWANCE RESTRICTION	WHITE / POMMER	Governor Action - Signed	Oppose
SB09-228	FLEXIBILITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO USE STATE REVENUES	MORSE/ MAROSTICA	House – 3 rd Reading Pass with Amend.	Oppose
SB09-275	ELIMINATE STATE SALES TAX VENDOR FEE	TAPIA / FERRANDINO	Senate – Adopt Committee Report - Repass	None

Transportation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1034	CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE PROPERTY TAX	LISTON/ GIBBS	Governor Action - Signed	None
HB09-1274	IMPOSES A 60-CENT FEE ON THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE STATE TITLING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM	LABUDA	Postponed Indefinitely	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	House – 3 rd Reading Passed	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	Governor Action – Signed	Support with Conditions (Conditions of final bill were not met)

Workers' Compensation/ Unemployment Insurance

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB09-1076	REMUNERATION FROM EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION	PACE	Senate – 3 rd Reading Passed	None

HB09-1170	ALLOWS AN EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO A LOCKOUT INITIATED BY AN EMPLOYER TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS	CASSO/ PACE TOCHTROP	Senate – 3 rd Reading Passed	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	House – 3 rd Reading Passed	None
SB09-243	WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS PAYMENT FOR MENTAL DISTRESS	BOYD	House – 3 rd Reading Passed	Oppose
SB09-247	CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF BENEFITS FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN COLORADO	TOCHTROP / PACE	House – Business Affairs & Labor	Oppose as Written
SB09-273	CHANGES LAWS CONCERNING PINNACOL ASSURNACE TO ALLOW THE STATE TO AUGMENT SURPLUS FUNDS OF PINNACOL ASSURANCE TO THE STATE TREASURY	WHITE / MAROSTICA	House - Appropriations	Oppose
SB09-281	CLARIFYING THE OPERATION OF PINNACOL ASSURANCE AS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, AND REQUIRING PINNACOL TO PAY A POLICYHOLDER DIVIDEND	SHAFFER B. WEISSMANN	Senate – Consider House Amend. Reconsider	Oppose