



# 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="#">SB08-162</a>	INTEREST ON ESCROW ACCOUNTS FOR HOUSING FUND	BOYD/ RIESBERG	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB08-189</a>	PAPER BALLOTS IN 2008 ELECTIONS	GORDON/ MAY	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1001</a>	CONCERNING THE ADVANCEMENT OF BIOSCIENCE DISCOVERIES IN COLORADO.	RIESBERG / BACON	Gov. Action - <b>Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">HB08-1034</a>	CONCERNING CLARIFICATIONS TO EMPLOYER TAX CREDITS FOR TAXPAYERS UTILIZING EMPLOYEE LEASING COMPANIES	GARZA	Gov. Action - <b>Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">HB08-1148</a>	CLAIM FOR TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY BY ADVERSE POSSESSION	WITWER/ TUPA	Gov. Action - <b>Signed</b>	Monitor
<a href="#">HB08-1183</a>	OED BILL – EXTENDS JOB INCENTIVES TO SIX MONTHS FROM ONE MONTH	HODGE	House – Consider Sen. Amend.	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1340</a>	ESTABLISHES CO HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND AND INCREASES FEES ON REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS THROUGH VOTE APPROVAL THIS NOVEMBER	KEFALAS, BOYD	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1359</a>	AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN LICENSED WINERIES TO USE COMMON LICENSED PREMISES FOR PRODUCTION	BUESCHER PENRY	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Pass	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1384</a>	PREVENTS THE LOSS OF A MORTGAGOR'S EQUITY IN REAL PROPERTY USED AS COLLATERAL FOR A LOAN	FRANGAS	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1408</a>	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON A CORPORATE INCOME TAX PAYER TO VERIFY VALIDITY OF TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS	LEVY/ VEIGA	Senate - Finance	<b>Oppose</b>

### Energy

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">SB08-013</a>	SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND OPERATION ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS	SCHWARTZ	Senate - Considering House Amend	None
<a href="#">HB08-1083</a>	CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF STATE REVENUES DERIVED FROM MINERAL EXTRACTION WITHIN THE STATE	PENRY / CURRY	House - Repass	Monitor
<a href="#">HB08-1084</a>	OPTION FOR PREPAYMENT OF SEVERANCE TAX LIABILITY AVAILABLE TO A TAXPAYER FOR MITIGATION OF THE IMPACT OF MINERAL OR MINERAL FUEL SEVERANCE.	BUESCHER / PENRY	Sent to Governor	<b>Support</b>

<a href="#">HB08-1161</a>	INCREASED REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR MINED LAND RECLAMATION BOARD AND INCREASED REGULATIONS ON URANIUM MINING COMPANIES	KEFALAS/ JOHNSON	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1164</a>	PUC ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES	SOLANO/ SCHWARTZ	House – Repass w/Sen. Amen.	<b>Oppose</b>
<del><a href="#">HB08-1165</a></del>	<del>INCREASES REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND INCREASES BOARD MEMBERS OF THE MINED LAND REC. BOARD</del>	FISCHER/ SHAFFER	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<del><a href="#">HB08-1169</a></del>	<del>DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE CURRICULA FOR ALTERNATIVE AN RENEWABLE ENERGY JOB TRAINING</del>	GARDNER/ MITCHEL	House – Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Support as introduced</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1227</a>	SUNSET CONTINUE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	MADDEN/ TAPIA	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Read Pass w/Amend	<b>Oppose</b>

### Health/Auto Insurance

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>GJCC Position</b>
<a href="#">SB08-011</a>	ESTABLISHES TRAUMA CARE AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM, INCREASING VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE AND MAKING AUTO INSURANCE MANDATES	MORSE	House - Appropriations	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB08-135</a>	HEALTH INSURANCE STANDARDIZED BENEFITS	S. MITCHELL	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Pass	<b>Support</b>
<del><a href="#">SB08-164</a></del>	<del>LIMITATION OF LIABILITY RELATING TO NONECONOMIC LOSS OR INJURY IN ACTIONS BROUGHT UNDER THE “HEALTH CARE AVAILABILITY ACT”</del>	GROFF/ T. CARROL	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<del><a href="#">SB08-190</a></del>	<del>PHARMACIST REDISPENSE UNUSED MEDICATION</del>	TOCHTROP/ PRIMAVERA	Postponed Indefinitely	Monitor
<del><a href="#">SB08-211</a></del>	<del>MANDATORY MEDICAL PAYMENTS COVERAGE</del>	TOCHTROP	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">SB08-217</a>	FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING THE CENTENNIAL CARE CHOICES PROGRAM TO REFORM COLORADOS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM	HAGEDORN/ MCGIHON	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Read Pass w/Amend	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">SB08-219</a>	REQUIRES PERSONS PRACTICING MASSAGE THERAPY IN COLORADO TO OBTAIN LICENSES	ROMER/ MCFADYEN	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	None
<del><a href="#">HB08-1009</a></del>	<del>CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COVERAGE IN CONNECTION WITH AN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY ISSUES IN COLORADO</del>	MASSEY/ MORSE	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1131</a>	MERGERS OF HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES	MCGIHON/ HAGEDORN	Gov. action - <b>Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">HB08-1228</a>	INSURANCE RESPONSIBILITY UNFAIR BUS PRACTICES	GREEN	Gov. action - <b>Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">HB08-1309</a>	SUNSET REVIEW COVERCOLORADO ASSESSMENTS	MITCHELL V./ ISGAR	Gov. action - <b>Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">HB08-1385</a>	INCREASED HEALTH INSURANCE TRANSPARANCY	PRIMAVERA	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Pass	<b>Oppose</b>

<a href="#">HB08-1389</a>	CONCERNING INCREASED OVERSIGHT OF INSURANCE RATES	CARROL M./ SANDOVAL	Senate – Committee of the Whole	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1407</a>	CONCERNING STRENGTHENING PENALITES FOR THE UNREASONABLE CONDUCT OF INSURANCE CARRIER	ROMANOFF/ GORDON	Senate – Committee of the Whole	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1411</a>	PROHIBITION OF INCENTIVES TO LIMIT THE PROVISION OF MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO A COVERED PERSON	MARSHALL/ SANDOVAL	Senate – Committee of the Whole	<b>Oppose</b>

### Higher Ed

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">HB08-1002</a>	AUTHORIZES MESA STATE TO INVEST MONIES, AND REQUIRES MESA STATE BOARD TO ESTABLISH AN INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMM.	KING / PENRY BUESCHER	Governor Action - <b>Signed</b>	<b>Support</b>

### Immigration

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">HB08-1325</a>	COLORADO NONIMMIGRANT AGRICULTURAL SEASONAL WORKER PILOT PROGRAM	LOOPER/ TAPIA	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">SB08-083</a>	<del>ESTABLISHES THE “FAIR AND LEGAL EMPLOYMENT ACT”</del> <del>REPEALS CURRENT REQUIREMENTS THAT EMPLOYERS EXAMINE AND RETAIN RECORDS OF LEGAL STATUS OF NEW EMPLOYEES</del>	SCHULTHEIS	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB08-139</a>	NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYERS OF THE E-VERIFY PROGRAM FOR USE IN VERIFYING WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS OF NEW EMPLOYEES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	SCHULTHEIS/ LUNDBERG	Senate – Consider House Amend.	None

### Initiatives

<a href="#">HCR08-1006</a>	MILL LEVY INREASE FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES	GARDNER/ KOPP	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HCR08-1014</a>	SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, CONCERNING THE MANNER OF WHICH THE STATE FUNDS EDUCATION.	ROMANOFF/ JOHNSON	House – State Vet. & Military Affairs	None
<a href="#">SCR08-003</a>	SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AMENDMENTS TO SECTION I OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION, CONCERNING INITIATIVES	TAPIA/ WHITE	House – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over	<b>Support</b>

### K-12 Education

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">SB08-212</a>	COLORADO ACHIEVEMENT PLAN FOR KIDS	ROMER/ PENRY	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Pass	Monitor

<a href="#">HB08-1024</a>	CONCERNING THE STATISTICAL MODEL FOR DETERMINING LONGITUDINAL ANALYSIS OF CSAP ASSESSMENTS	MERRIFIELD, WINDELS	Governor Action – <b>Signed</b> , 2/14	None
<a href="#">HB08-1149</a>	<del>PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE ED CHOICE TO DISSECTION OF ANIMALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS</del>	TODD/ BACON	House – Second Reading Lost	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1186</a>	NO PENALTY FOR STUDENTS MISSING CSAPs	SOLANO/ WINDELS	House - Repass	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1357</a>	STATE & FED ALIGNMENT OF EDUC ASSESSMENT FOR MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF STATE MONEYS	SOLANO WILLIAMS	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Pass	<b>Oppose</b>

### Mandates/Regulations

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">SB08-082</a>	ELIMINATES PROHIBITION OF RETAIL SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SUNDAYS	VEIGA/ JAHN	Governor Action - <b>Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">SB08-120</a>	AUTHORIZES THE USE OF A PAYCARD BY AN EMPLOYER TO PAY WAGES TO AN EMPLOYEE	PENRY/ RICE	Governor Action - <b>Signed</b>	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">SB08-122</a>	PROHIBITS ACTION AGAINST EMPLOYEE FOR SHARING WAGE INFORMATION	WINDELS/ CARROLL	Governor Action - <b>Signed</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">SB08-187</a>	<del>CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN RES PROPERTIES</del>	HAGEDORN	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Lost w/Amend.	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1020</a>	CONCERNING COST RECOVERY AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS FOR PLAINTIFFS IN CIVIL COURT CASES	MADDEN/ VEIGA	Governor Action- <b>Signed</b> 2/21	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1140</a>	<del>WOULD REPEAL STATE STATUTES THAT CURRENTLY PROHIBIT RENT CONTROLS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS</del>	WEISSMANN/ SCHWARTZ	House – Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1170</a>	REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS. ESTABLISHES ONE SUPERVISOR TO ONE APPRENTICE	SOPER	House – Repass	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1189</a>	WOULD PROHIBIT STATE EMPLOYEES FROM STRIKES AGAINST EMPLOYERS	RIESBERG	Governor Action - <b>Signed</b>	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1276</a>	WORKPLACE ACCOMODATIONS NURSING MOTHERS	KERR/ GIBBS	Governor Action - <b>Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">HB08-1306</a>	<del>CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT PROMPT PAYMENT – ESTABLISHES “CONSTRUCTION PROMPT PAYMENT REFORM ACT OF 2008”</del>	RIESBERG	House – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Lost	<b>Neutral</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1323</a>	<del>PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATION STANDARDS. SETS UP “BEST VALUE CONTRACTING” PROVISION</del>	SOPER	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1331</a>	<del>RAISE THRESHOLD FOR CLAIMS TO BE ADJUDICATED</del>	GREEN	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading laid over to 5/8	Monitor
<a href="#">HB08-1356</a>	PROHIBITS LANDLORDS AND TENANTS FROM RECOVERING ATTORNEY FEES IN FORCIBLE ENTRY CASE	MERRIFIELD/ TUPA/BOYD	Senate – Committee of the Whole	<b>Oppose</b>

## Taxation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<a href="#">HB08-1138</a>	TAX RETURN PREPARERS LIABILITY PENALTY	BORODKIN	Governor Action - <b>Signed</b>	None
<a href="#">HB08-1225</a>	BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	RICE/ WILLIAMS	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1261</a>	FLYAWAY SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT	BUESCHER/ BACON	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	<b>Support</b>
<del><a href="#">HB08-1341</a></del>	<del>ALCOHOL SALES TAX CHILDREN BASIC HEALTH</del>	FRANGAS	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<del><a href="#">HB08-1362</a></del>	<del>CREATES EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FUND TAKING FROM UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND</del>	KEFALAS/ BOYD	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1380</a>	METHOD OF ATTRIBUTING INCOME TO COLORADO FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE STATE INCOME TAX	JAHN/ SHAFFER	Senate – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	Monitor
<a href="#">SB08-128</a>	CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE SALES OR USE TAX LIMITS BY CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES	ISGAR	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	Monitor
<del><a href="#">SB08-167</a></del>	<del>TREATMENT OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX</del>	SCHWARTZ	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over to 5/10	Monitor
<a href="#">SB08-218</a>	ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE REVENUE	PENRY/ BUESCHER	Conference Committee	<b>Support</b>

## Telecommunication

<a href="#">SB08-215</a>	OFFICE OF INFORMATION & TECH TO CREATE BROADBAND TELECOM MAP TO PLAN FOR UNSERVED AREAS	SCHWARTZ REISBERG	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Pass	None
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## Transportation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
<del><a href="#">SB08-209</a></del>	<del>IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO MITIGATE CONGESTION IN THE INTERSTATE 70 CORRIDOR</del>	ROMER	Postponed Indefinitely	Monitor
<del><a href="#">SB08-213</a></del>	<del>AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF THE COLORADO TOLLING ENTERPRISE TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF INTERSTATE 70 AS A TOLL HIGHWAY</del>	MCELHANEY	Senate – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Laid Over to 5/26	<b>Oppose</b>
<del><a href="#">SB08-244</a></del>	<del>ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PRESERVATION, AND IMPOSING A NEW DAILY VEHICLE RENTAL FEE AND A BRIDGE SAFETY TRUST FUND FEE ON THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS</del>	TAPIA/ RICE/ MCFADYEN	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1007</a>	MODIFICATION PROVISIONS THAT IMPOSE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ON PRIVATE TOLL COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLEVIATING CONSEQUENCES OF THOSE PROVISIONS THAT MAY AFFECT REAL PROPERTY.	LOOPER	Conference Committee Adopt w/Amend	None
<a href="#">HB08-1010</a>	RAISES THE MINIMUM FINES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE MISDEMEANORS AND INFRACTIONS	MCFAYDEN TAKIS	House – Consider Sen. Amend.	None

<a href="#">HB08-1312</a>	TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT EFFICIENCY	LEVY/ GORDON	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>
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### **Water**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>GJCC Position</b>
<a href="#">HB08-1141</a>	CONCERNING SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLIES FOR LAND USE APPROVAL	CURRY	House – Consider Sen. Amend	Monitoring
<a href="#">HB08-1330</a>	ELECTION OF WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS	WEISSMANN/ GORDON	Postponed Indefinitely	<b>Oppose</b>

### **Workers' Compensation**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>GJCC Position</b>
<a href="#">SB-114</a>	PROF EMPLOYER ORG UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	VEIGA	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	None
<a href="#">SB-241</a>	CONCERNING CLAIMS MADE UNDER THE “WORKERS’ COMPENSATION ACT OF COLORADO” FOR WORK RELATED INJURIES	TOCHTROP/ MARSHALL	House – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Passed	None