



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

Energy

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
SB08-013	SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND OPERATION ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS	SCHWARTZ	Senate - Repass	None
HB08-1083	CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF STATE REVENUES DERIVED FROM MINERAL EXTRACTION WITHIN THE STATE	PENRY / CURRY	House - Repass	Monitor
HB08-1084	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	Support

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

Health/Auto Insurance

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

HB08-1389	CONCERNING INCREASED OVERSIGHT OF INSURANCE RATES	CARROL M./ SANDOVAL	Senate – 3 rd Reading Pass w/Amend	Oppose
HB08-1407	CONCERNING STRENGTHENING PENALITES FOR THE UNREASONABLE CONDUCT OF INSURANCE CARRIER	ROMANOFF/ GORDON	House - Repass	Oppose
HB08-1411	PROHIBITION OF INCENTIVES TO LIMIT THE PROVISION OF MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO A COVERED PERSON	MARSHALL/ SANDOVAL	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose

Higher Ed

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

Immigration

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB08-1325	COLORADO NONIMMIGRANT AGRICULTURAL SEASONAL WORKER PILOT PROGRAM	LOOPER/ TAPIA	House - Repass	Support
SB08-083	ESTABLISHES THE “FAIR AND LEGAL EMPLOYMENT ACT” REPEALS CURRENT REQUIREMENTS THAT EMPLOYERS EXAMINE AND RETAIN RECORDS OF LEGAL STATUS OF NEW EMPLOYEES	SCHULTHEIS	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
SB08-139	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 – Repass	None

Initiatives

HCR08-1006	MILL LEVY INREASE FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES	GARDNER/ KOPP	Postponed Indefinitely	Support
HCR08-1014	SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, CONCERNING THE MANNER OF WHICH THE STATE FUNDS EDUCATION.	ROMANOFF/ JOHNSON	Postponed Indefinitely	None
SCR08-003	SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AMENDMENTS TO SECTION I OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION, CONCERNING INITIATIVES	TAPIA/ WHITE	Senate - Repass	Support

K-12 Education

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
SB08-212	COLORADO ACHIEVEMENT PLAN FOR KIDS	ROMER/ PENRY	Senate - Repass	Monitor

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

Mandates/Regulations

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

Taxation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB08-1138	TAX RETURN PREPARERS LIABILITY PENALTY	BORODKIN	Governor Action - Signed	None
HB08-1225	BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	RICE/ WILLIAMS	House - Repass	Support
HB08-1261	FLYAWAY SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT	BUESCHER/ BACON	Senate – 3 rd Reading Passed	Support
HB08-1341	ALCOHOL SALES TAX CHILDREN BASIC HEALTH	FRANGAS	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
HB08-1362	CREATES EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FUND TAKING FROM UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND	KEFALAS/ BOYD	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
HB08-1380	METHOD OF ATTRIBUTING INCOME TO COLORADO FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE STATE INCOME TAX	JAHN/ SHAFFER	House - Repass	Monitor
SB08-128	CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE SALES OR USE TAX LIMITS BY CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES	ISGAR	House – 3 rd Reading Passed	Monitor
SB08-157	TREATMENT OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX	SCHWARTZ	Senate – 2 nd Reading Laid Over to 5/10	Monitor
SB08-218	ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE REVENUE	PENRY/ BUESCHER	Senate - Repass	Support

Telecommunication

SB08-215	OFFICE OF INFORMATION & TECH TO CREATE BROADBAND TELECOM MAP TO PLAN FOR UNSERVED AREAS	SCHWARTZ REISBERG	House – 3 rd Reading Pass	None
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Transportation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
SB08-209	IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO MITIGATE CONGESTION IN THE INTERSTATE 70 CORRIDOR	ROMER	Postponed Indefinitely	Monitor
SB08-213	AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF THE COLORADO TOLLING ENTERPRISE TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF INTERSTATE 70 AS A TOLL HIGHWAY	MCELHANEY	Senate – 2 nd Reading Laid Over to 5/26	Oppose
SB08-244	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	TAPIA/ RICE/ MCFADYEN	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
HB08-1007	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	House - Repass	None
HB08-1010	RAISES THE MINIMUM FINES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE MISDEMEANORS AND INFRACTIONS	MCFAYDEN TAKIS	House – Repass	None

HB08-1312	TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT EFFICIENCY	LEVY/ GORDON	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose
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Water

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsors	Status	GJCC Position
HB08-1141	CONCERNING SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLIES FOR LAND USE APPROVAL	CURRY	House – Repass	Monitoring
HB08-1330	ELECTION OF WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS	WEISSMANN/ GORDON	Postponed Indefinitely	Oppose

Workers' Compensation

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