



“Providing A Voice For Northeast Colorado”

2009 Colorado Legislative Session Final Report

The 2009 Colorado Legislative Session provided a wild ride this year for Progressive 15 as we endeavored to stay on top of the legislation introduced and the last minute changes. Each of our standing committees did an awesome job in monitoring the legislation and making informed recommendations. Not every bill introduced directly affects northeast Colorado and it is always fun looking at a wide diversity of issues. Thanks to committee members, your board of directors, alternates and the membership for helping me stay on top of everything. Additionally, we used Facebook and Twitter to get even more information. Following is a list of the bills we took a position on and the final disposition of them.

We supported 17 bills - 15 passed, 2 defeated

We opposed 9 bills - 7 defeated, 3 passed

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BILL [HB09-1129](#)

CONCERNING AN AUTHORIZATION OF PILOT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFICIAL USE OF CAPTURED PRECIPITATION IN NEW REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS.

Short Title: Precipitation Harvesting Pilot Projects

Sponsors: LOOPER / ROMER

Support - going to board

Status

05/19/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [HB09-1174](#)

CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF DEPLETIONS FROM PUMPING THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO 1974.

Short Title: Exempt Pre-1974 Well Depletions

Sponsors: RIESBERG / HODGE

Support - going to board - board approved recommendation - passed both house and senate

Status

03/25/2009 Governor Action - Signed

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [SB09-106](#)

CONCERNING THE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED WATER SUPPLY RESERVE ACCOUNT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, EXTENDING THE ACCOUNT, REQUIRING THE INTERBASIN COMPACT COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD, TO REPORT ANNUALLY ON HOW MONEYS FROM THE ACCOUNT WERE ALLOCATED, AND CONDITIONING GRANTS TO APPLICANTS REQUIRED TO ADOPT A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN.

Short Title: Water Supply Reserve Account Extension

Sponsors: ISGAR / ROBERTS

Oppose - going to board - Board approved recommendation

Status

05/06/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [HB09-1001](#)

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO INCENTIVIZE COLORADO JOB GROWTH.

Short Title: Income Tax Credit For CO Job Growth

Sponsors: RICE / HEATH

Conditional Support-recommend revision for rural job growth to a max of 5 jobs - has been reduced to 5

Status

05/04/2009 Governor Action - Signed

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [HB09-1010](#)

CONCERNING THE PROMOTION OF COLORADO AS A LOCATION FOR FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES.

Short Title: Expand Film Production In Colorado

Sponsors: MASSEY & ... / GIBBS & ...

Support - going to Board of Directors for vote - Board approved support - Board approved recommendation

Status

05/19/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [SB09-171](#)

CONCERNING THE USE OF MONEYS IN THE COLORADO CUSTOMIZED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEW ENERGY ECONOMY TRAINING PROGRAMS.

Short Title: New Energy Jobs Program

Sponsors: SCHWARTZ / TODD & ...

Support - Board Approved

Status

05/04/2009 Governor Action - Signed

Fiscal Notes Status: No fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [SB09-173](#)

CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE-SCALE REGIONAL TOURISM PROJECTS TO BE PARTIALLY FINANCED WITH A PORTION OF STATE SALES TAX REVENUE ABOVE AN EXISTING BASE AMOUNT.

Short Title: Regional Tourism Projects

Sponsors: VEIGA / RICE

Support - going to Board of Directors for vote Board approved support - Board approved recommendations

Status

05/21/2009 Signed by the President of the Senate

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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Education

BILL [HB09-1176](#)

CONCERNING THE DRIVING PRIVILEGE OF MINOR DRIVERS.

Short Title: Minor Driver Instruction Permit License

Sponsors: GREEN / WILLIAMS

Oppose - hits small rural schools hard - no additional funding provided for implementation - Going to Board of Directors - Board approved recommendation

Status

04/30/2009 Senate Committee on Transportation Postpone Indefinitely

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [HB09-1272](#)

CONCERNING STATUTORY AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT LOCALLY APPROVED CHANGES TO THE PARAMETERS FOR LIMITED GAMING UNDER SECTION 9 (7) OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ADOPTED BY VOTERS AT THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION.

Short Title: Ltd Gaming Amend 50 Comm College Funding

Sponsors: MASSEY & ... / TAPIA

Used Call to Action to support bill as is w/o amendments. Amendments were not allowed.

Status

04/21/2009 Governor Action - Signed

Fiscal Notes Status: No fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [SB09-123](#)

CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE DROPOUT RATE OF ADOLESCENT STUDENTS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Short Title: Healthy Choices Dropout Prevention

Sponsors: WILLIAMS / TODD

Support - provides another opportunity for students - Going to Board of Directors - Board approved recommendations

Status

05/19/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [SB09-131](#)

CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENGAGE IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EACH WEEK.

Short Title: Require Physical Activity Public Schools

Sponsors: ROMER / MASSEY

Oppose - takes away local control; no additional funding provided for implementation - Going to Board of Directors - Board approved recommendation

Status

04/27/2009 Senate Consideration of First Conference Committee Report result was to Adhere

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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Support - going to Board of Directors - Board approved recommendations

Status

05/04/2009 Governor Action - Signed

Fiscal Notes Status: No fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [HB09-1111](#)

CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH RESOURCES IN DESIGNATED AREAS IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE PRIMARY CARE OFFICE IN THE PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO MAXIMIZE STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH RESOURCES.

Short Title: Health Resources For Underserved Areas

Sponsors: MASSEY / BOYD & ...

Committee has recommended support - going to the Board of Directors - Board approved recommendation

Status

05/11/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [HB09-1119](#)

CONCERNING CREATION OF A PROGRAM TO ASSIST ENTITIES PROVIDING PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS IN RURAL AREAS OF COLORADO.

Short Title: Rural Substance Abuse Grant Program

Sponsors: VIGIL / SCHWARTZ

Committee has recommended support - going to the Board of Directors - board approved recommendation

Status

05/11/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [HB09-1344](#)

Opposed last year

CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION TO THE LIMITATIONS ON MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE DAMAGES TIED TO REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF THE EFFECTS OF SUCH ADJUSTMENTS ON MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE INSURANCE.

Short Title: Inflation Med Malpractice Damages

Sponsors: SCANLAN / BOYD

Lists medical malpractice insurance as "type I" insurance. Requires the insurance commissioner to place on file for public inspection any rate filing by a medical malpractice insurer and allows a person, acting in good faith, to require a hearing on any rate increase in excess of 5% by a medical malpractice insurer. Allows the commissioner of insurance to establish minimum qualifications for persons participating in the hearing, including, but not limited to, familiarity with Colorado insurance law and acceptance of a duty to represent the interests of Colorado insurance consumers. For purposes of calculating a medical malpractice insurer's profits, specifically includes within investment income any investment income on surplus that is reasonably allocable to Colorado insurance. Adjusts for inflation, annually, the damages limitation for noneconomic loss or injury in medical malpractice lawsuits. Requires the secretary of state to calculate and certify the annual adjusted damages limitation.

Status

04/22/2009 House Third Reading Lost

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [SB09-002](#)

CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE TO FUND THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACCOUNT WITHIN THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND.

Short Title: Increase Motor Vehicle Fee Emer Srvcs

Sponsors: MORSE / PENISTON

Committee has recommended support - would possibly like a sunset provision on it - going to the Board of Directors - board approved recommendation

Status

04/29/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [HB09-1056](#)

CONCERNING INCREASED PENALTY AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL LAWS.

Short Title: Solid Waste Disposal Admin Penalties

Sponsors: MCCANN / KOPP

Oppose - Sending to Board - Board approved recommendation

Status

05/21/2009 Governor Action - Signed

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [SB09-149](#)

CONCERNING THE METHOD BY WHICH A COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION IS CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING A HOME RULE CHARTER.

Short Title: County Home Rule Charter Commissions

Sponsors: BOYD / KERR J.

Support - sending to Board - Board approved recommendation - PI'd

Status

03/17/2009 House Committee on Local Government Postpone Indefinitely

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [SB09-221](#)

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROPERTY TAX CREDIT TO SUPPORT EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

Short Title: Property Tax Credit To Support Ed

Sponsors: LUNDBERG / LAMBERT

Opposed - approved to oppose by board

Status

02/23/2009 Senate Committee on State, Veterans & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [SB09-228](#)

CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE USE OF STATE REVENUES.

Short Title: Flexibility To Use State Revenues

Sponsors: MORSE / MAROSTICA & ...

Committee voted to oppose - going to Board

Status

05/18/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

[Transportation & Energy](#)

BILL [HB09-1255](#)

CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY STATE ENTITIES OTHER THAN THE COMMISSION.

Short Title: Limit O&G Permit Wildlife Mitigation

Sponsors: GARDNER C. / KOPP

Support - approved by board

Status

02/20/2009 House Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Postpone Indefinitely

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [HB09-1277](#)

CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTRIC UTILITIES PROVIDE THEIR CUSTOMERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUEL MIX USED IN THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY.

Short Title: Electric Utility Customer Info Fuel Mix

Sponsors: LABUDA

Oppose - approved by board

Status

03/05/2009 House Committee on Transportation & Energy Postpone Indefinitely

Fiscal Notes Status: No fiscal impact for this bill

[Fiscal Note](#)

BILL [HB09-1298](#)

CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY IN COLORADO.

Short Title: Economic Dev For Trucking Industry In CO

Sponsors: MCFADYEN & ... / MITCHELL

Support - Going to Board

Status

05/19/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [HB09-1323](#)

CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATIONS.

Short Title: Coop Elec Assn Energy Efficiency Program

Sponsors: LEVY / VEIGA

opposed

Status

05/04/2009 House Second Reading Laid Over to 08/07/2009

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [SB09-002](#)

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Short Title: Increase Motor Vehicle Fee Emer Srvcs

Sponsors: MORSE / PENISTON

Support - going to Board - Board approved recommendations

Status

04/29/2009 Sent to the Governor

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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BILL [SB09-108](#)

CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF THE STATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MODIFYING THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS.

Short Title: Transp Sys Planning & Funding

Sponsors: GIBBS / RICE

support - approved by board

Status

03/02/2009 Governor Action - Signed

Fiscal Notes Status: Fiscal impact for this bill

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