

# Legislative Report

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## **Another Session for the Books**

The second regular session of the Sixty-Sixth General Assembly adjourned Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 119-days after it convened. During that time, CCI tracked almost 300 bills. Of these bills, commissioners voted to support roughly one-third (33%), oppose about one-eighth (13%), and monitor another two-fifths (40%). No position was taken on the remaining (13%) of the bills, either because final action occurred before a county position was secured or the bill was introduced near the end of session.

## **CCI Initiated Legislation**

Of the bills that CCI tracked this session, eleven were initiated by CCI. The impetus for each CCI initiated bill begins with county commissioners submitting issues and concerns which they want addressed. Once membership consensus and endorsement is received, CCI staff secures sponsors to shepherd the bills through the legislative session. CCI thanks the members who sponsored bills on behalf of counties and appreciates their commitment and willingness to help counties!

While there are descriptions of each bill in the following pages, here is a quick review of CCI's 11 initiated bills with the final action on each.

<b>2008 Bill</b>	<b>Final Action</b>
HB 1053 Electronic Submission of Plats (McNulty, Harvey)	Signed by Governor
HB 1065 County Ordinance Enforcement (M. May, Tochtrop)	Signed by Governor
HB 1090 Requisites of Legal Newspapers (M. May, Tochtrop)	Postponed Indefinitely
HB 1206 Notice Indian Child Welfare Act (Gagliardi, Tochtrop)	Postponed Indefinitely
HB 1264 Electronic Read-Only Access to Court Records (Roberts, Shaffer)	Awaiting Governor's Signature
HB 1349 Collection of Property Taxes & Tax Increment Financing (Gagliardi, Windels)	Awaiting Governor's Signature
SB 032 Bond Commissioner Bond Breach Hearings (Harvey, McNulty)	Signed by Governor
SB 034 Transportation Plan Zoning for Special Needs Facility (Johnson, Fischer)	Signed by Governor
SB 124 Landscape Maintenance Excavation (Williams, Gagliardi)	Postponed Indefinitely
SB 128 Eliminate Sales Tax Cap (Isgar, Hodge)	Awaiting Governor's Signature
SB 158 Inclusion of County Land in Urban Renewal Areas (Tochtrop, Hodge)	Signed by Governor

### **Interim Activities**

In addition to the typical "standing" committees that routinely meet during the interim, the General Assembly's Legislative Committee agreed to convene two additional interim committees this summer and fall. These are the Wild Land-Urban Interface Area Interim Committee (SJR 025) and the Education Merger Interim Committee (HJR 1027).

The Wild Land-Urban Interface Area Interim Committee will consist of eight legislative members and will explore topics related to fire-fighting resources, strategies to minimize and mitigate the danger of wildfire, and potential responses to the bark beetle epidemic. The committee must issue written findings and recommendations on or before November 1, 2008.

The Education Merger Interim Committee will explore creating a streamlined education system that merges the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education. Specifically, the Committee will investigate whether or not such a merger would result in cost savings, increased efficiency, and improvements to Colorado's education system. This committee will consist of eight members, six of whom will be legislators plus the executive director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the Commissioner of Education.

In addition to these interim discussions, CCI staff anticipates that the topics of transportation funding, child welfare, Medicaid centralization, and the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's draft rules will be discussed throughout the summer.

### **CCI's Summer Meeting Schedule**

CCI will begin holding summer steering committee meetings in July. These meetings launch the start of CCI's 2009 legislative process. At these meetings, commissioners will review submitted legislative proposals and edit the CCI Policy Statement. Keep your eyes peeled for a "CCI Legislative Issue Form" which will be distributed to all counties in mid-June, and mark your calendars for the following steering committee meeting dates:

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**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Tourism, Resorts & Economic Development	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
General Government	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Taxation & Finance	12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Transportation & Telecommunications	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Public Lands	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Wildlife & Rural Affairs	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Land Use & Natural Resources	12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Tourism, Resorts & Economic Development	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
General Government	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Taxation & Finance	12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Transportation & Telecommunications	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Public Lands	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Wildlife & Rural Affairs	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Land Use & Natural Resources	12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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As in years past, CCI staff will travel the state in August for CCI district meetings. As soon as the dates, times, and locations of these district meetings have been confirmed, details will be distributed. Legislative proposals that are discussed at the steering committee and district meetings then go before CCI's Legislative Committee, which consists of all member counties for final approval. This year's Legislative Committee will meet on **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

CCI hopes this year's Final Legislative Report is a useful synopsis of 2008 legislation. Please remember that not all the bills tracked by CCI are highlighted in this report. If you need additional information on a bill and/or are interested in a bill not profiled in these pages, please call CCI.

See you in Vail at CCI's Summer Conference!

## **Agriculture, Wildlife & Rural Affairs (AWRA)**

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### **HB08-1096, Hunting Confined Animals Fine Penalty (Stafford)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

HB 1096 would have prohibited hunting, wounding, or taking any mammal that is within a confined or fenced area.

### **HB08-1137, Wildlife Commission Acquisition of Property (Sonnenberg, Brophy)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have required the Wildlife Commission to sell a land or water interest at least equal in value to any new land or water interests the commission buys in the future. One reason the bill died was that Colorado lands, water rights, and wildlife habitat could have been lost if the commission bought any new lands and had to sell existing holdings.

### **HB08-1200, Computer Assisted Remote Hunting (Soper, Tochtrop)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This legislation prohibits hunting using computer-assisted remote hunting facilities.

### **HB08-1304, Illegal Taking and Possessing of Bald Eagles (Solano, Schwartz)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill imposes a fine and imprisonment and the assessment of twenty hunting license suspension points for illegally hunting, taking, or possessing a bald eagle.

### **HB08-1325, Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (Looper, Tapia)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

HB 1325 establishes an agricultural seasonal worker program in the Department of Labor and Employment. The program recruits seasonal workers and helps process H-2A visa applications.

### **HB08-1399, Agriculture Unclaimed Property Trust Fund Interest (Buescher, Isgar)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

Under this bill, there are changes to the allocation of interest earned on the Unclaimed Property Tourism Promotion Trust Fund by distributing the money as follows:

- 10% to the Colorado Travel and Tourism Promotion Fund – for use by the Colorado Tourism Office to promote agritourism;
- 65% to the newly created Agriculture Management Fund – for use by the Commissioner of Agriculture to fund both program and employee costs of agricultural efforts, including the noxious weed fund; and
- 25% to the Colorado State Fair Authority Cash Fund – for use by the Colorado State Fair Authority toward the operation, maintenance, and support of the Colorado State Fair.

**SB08-201, Livestock Confinement Standards (Isgar, Curry)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill addresses the confinement practices for calves raised for veal and gestating cows, requiring the phasing in of new handling practices over the next four and ten years respectively.

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**General Government (GG)**

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**HB08-1027, School College Construction Inspection (V. Mitchell, Taylor)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill allows local building departments to be pre-qualified by the state via a memorandum of understanding process. If a school district chooses not to use a pre-qualified local building department for its inspections, the school district can either choose a certified third-party inspector or the state to complete the necessary inspections.

**HB08-1065, County Ordinance Enforcement (M. May, Tochtrop)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This CCI initiated bill allows counties to adopt a graduated fine schedule and designate areas in the county within which an ordinance applies. It also allows counties to bring a civil action against habitual noise ordinance offenders, which is a power that municipalities have had but counties did not.

**HB08-1090, Expanding the Definition of Legal Newspapers (M. May, Tochtrop)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This CCI initiated bill would have expanded the definition of "legal newspapers" to allow counties to publish public notices in newspapers that are distributed in their counties.

**HB08-1128, Signature Verification Technology in Election (Marostica, Gordon)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill allows counties, at their own discretion, to use digital signature verification machines. The original verification process would still be in place and the machines would assist the county clerks.

**HB08-1155, Voting Systems Certification for 2008 (Balmer & Marshall, Gordon & Johnson)**

**CCI Position: Not Available Before Final Action**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill allowed the Secretary of State to expedite the recertification process without relaxing any of the existing standards set for voting systems. County clerks were allowed to assist with the testing of the machines.

**HB08-1206, Indian Child Welfare Act Notification (Gagliardi, Tochtrop)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This CCI initiated bill would have allowed the counties to send notifications via certified mail, as well as the registered mail currently mandated by the Indian Child Welfare Act.

**HB08-1260, Manufactured Home Document Recording (Hodge, Penry)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Signed by Governor**

This legislation requires certain documents related to an application for a certificate of title for a manufactured home to be filed and recorded by a county clerk and recorder. It creates new certificates for permanent locations, removal, and destruction of manufactured homes in Colorado.

**HB08-1306, Construction Contract Prompt Payment (Riesberg, Kester)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Lost**

If this bill had passed, it would have required local governments in the state to conform their public works contracts to the requirements of the proposed law. It could have required some counties to alter the way they have been enforcing contracts. Counties throughout Colorado expressed concern that this bill would have impaired their ability to ensure that public projects are completed properly.

**HB08-1326, Verify Lawful Presence for Public Benefits (Lambert, Schultheis)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

Counties would have been required to verify the lawful presence of individuals seeking public benefits regardless of whether the funding is from federal or state or other sources under this bill.

**HB08-1329, Procedures for Updating Voter Registration Lists (Marshall, Gordon)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill requires county clerks to update their voter rolls in advance of the upcoming 2008 general election. Clerks must send out voter confirmation cards to individuals placed on the inactive list because they did not vote in the previous election and were therefore deemed inactive. If an inactive voter returns their card, their status will be changed to active.

**HB08-1378, Ranked Voting Methods (Kefalas, Gordon)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

The original bill required counties to buy machines that would be able to accommodate ranked voting options by 2009. Amendments offered in committee take the counties out of the bill and allow municipalities the option to offer ranked voting methods if they choose.

**HB08-1401, Voter Information Card Sent to Registered Voters (Marshall, Gordon)**  
**CCI Position: Late Bill (Staff Monitor) Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill requires counties to send a postcard to all inactive voters in the county, in addition to active voters (as currently required), containing information on the elector's precinct number and polling place.

**SB08-006, Suspending Medicaid for Confined Persons (Boyd, Solano)**  
**CCI Position: Support Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill allows counties to suspend, rather than terminate, Medicaid benefits for inmates committed to county jails, state prisons and certain other facilities.

**SB08-007, Jail Inmate Application Assistance (Windels, Stafford)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill requires juvenile facilities and state facilities to work with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to develop systems to facilitate processing Medicaid applications 90 days prior to an inmate's release date. It also establishes a county demonstration program to be set up with two interested county jails who would work with community mental health providers, HCPF, and county social services agencies to facilitate processing Medicaid applications 90 days prior to release.

**SB08-011, Trauma Care Funding (Morse, Massey)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill requires auto insurance policies to include medical payments coverage (med pay) to help pay for trauma care related services but creates an opt-out option for insureds. The minimum amount for required medical payment coverage was set at \$5,000 on all auto insurance policies.

**SB08-032, Bond Commissioner and Bond Breach Hearings (Harvey, McNulty)**  
**CCI Position: Support Status: Signed by Governor**

This CCI initiated bill allows bond commissioners to apply for a bond revocation hearing when a defendant violates the terms of his/her bond. This bill will allow the bond commissioner to appear before the judge to request and schedule a hearing, thereby reducing the time spent getting the defendant into court.

**SB08-134, Minimum Bail for Drug Distribution (Kopp, McNulty)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill takes forfeited bond moneys from serious drug trafficking charges and distributes 50% to prison construction and 50% to a county jail assistance fund.

**SB08-189, Paper Ballot Elections (Gordon & McElhany, M. May & Madden)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

SB 189 attempted to create a paper based election process for Colorado's 2008 election. This bill mandated that counties use paper ballots only for the '08 election. Voting machines would

have been available for disabled voters and those voters who affirm to election judges that they wish to vote using the machines.

**SB08-198, Requirements Applicable to Congressional Redistricting (Gordon, Witwer)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have allowed more public participation in the redistricting process. Another part of the bill would have required the General Assembly, to the extent practicable, to create competitive districts instead of congressional districts that create "safe" seats for congressional candidates.

**SB08-240, Change Voter Registration Record Online (Gordon, Casso)**

**CCI Position: Late Bill (Staff Monitor)**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have required the Secretary of State to establish an online system where individuals may register to vote, change their residence on their voter registration record, change or withdraw their party affiliation, or apply for permanent mail-in voter status.

**SCR08-003, Concerning Changing Initiative Process (Tapia, White)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill allows the voters of Colorado to approve changes on certain requirements needed for citizen initiative petitions. It changes the number of signatures necessary to submit an initiative to 4% of the total votes cast for the office of the governor for statute changes and 6% for constitutional changes. A specific percentage of signatures would have to be collected from all congressional districts throughout the state. Initiative petitions changing the Constitution would have to be submitted to the secretary of state's office five months prior to the date of the election and no statutory change initiated by the citizens could be amended or repealed for six years unless two thirds of the Senate and House agree. This proposed constitutional change will be presented to voters for approval or rejection in November.

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**Health & Human Services (HHS)**

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**HB08-1005, Collaborative Management of Multi-agency Services Provided to Children and Families (Frangas, Boyd)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

Previous law allows certain agencies and county departments of social services to enter into memorandums of understanding (MOU) about services given to children and families. The same law requires the Department of Human Services and the Judicial Branch to create a model MOU containing specifics. Now, HB 1005 provides for evaluations of the collaborative programs. Funding for the evaluation will come from a portion of the incentive funds provided to the counties in the MOU program.

**HB08-1006, Foster Care Sibling Visits (Jahn, Sandoval)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

If a child in foster care and a separated sibling both request a visit, this bill requires that the county department of social services arrange such a visit. At the same time, the department is required to deny such a request if it is determined that a visit would not be in the best interest of the child or sibling.

**HB08-1016, Juvenile Justice Mental Health Process (Solano, Boyd)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill permits parties in a juvenile case to determine whether a juvenile could benefit from mental health services. As amended, the bill also creates authority for each judicial district to appoint a commission to consider the implementation issues of this act. Such commissions would include county representation.

**HB08-1018, Court-appointed Special Advocate Program (Primavera, Taylor)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

Previously, court-appointed special advocate (CASA) programs were allowed for adjacent judicial districts. This bill allows the same volunteer programs for nonadjacent judicial districts.

**HB08-1019, Transfer Educational Records for Foster Children (Casso, Sandoval)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

HB 1019 requires each school district to appoint a child welfare education liaison. It details the requirements for the school transfer of a child in out-of-home placement. It also requires that a stable education situation be taken into consideration when an out-of-home placement or a change in placement is recommended by a county department.

**HB08-1051, Core Services for Families (Marshall, Spence)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

HB 1051 removes statutory time limits on the provision of core services. This should help families that are at risk of out-of-home placement of their children. The repealed time frames were deemed too limited.

**HB08-1108, Increase Funds for Older Coloradans Cash Fund (Riesberg, Morse)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill increases the funds for the Older Coloradans Cash Fund from \$5 million to \$8 million. The funds come from receipts collected from state sales and use tax. The funds are administered by local area agencies on aging.

**HB08-1124, Alternative Medicaid Program for Elderly (Lundberg, Kopp)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

HB 1124 would have created a payment scheme for elderly with assets, permitting them to avoid the asset spend downs required currently, by opting for a lower percentage of assistance.

**HB08-1157, Youth Advisory Council (Roberts, Windels)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

HB 1157 creates a youth advisory council with the goal of making recommendations of exploring issues concerning youth to elected officials.

**HB08-1199, Update Tuberculosis Control Statutes (Ferrandino, Williams)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

HB 1199 makes a number of changes to the tuberculosis control statutes including providing greater financial assistance and program authority to county public health services. These statutes were outdated and unresponsive to current program needs. The changes modernize and update the TB program.

**HB08-1229, Substitute Provider in Family Child Care Home (Weissmann, Boyd)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

There are times when a licensed care provider is unavailable in a family child care home and a substitute must provide temporary care. This bill requires the substitute provider to be certified and gives the responsibilities of carrying out the details of the certification to the board of human services.

**HB08-1250, County Social Services Funds Relief (Pommer, Johnson)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill changes the formula used to determine which counties are eligible to receive funds from the county contingency fund, as well as changing the name of the fund to the county tax base relief fund. This bill will permit state assistance funding for the most tax-burdened counties and would permit the Joint Budget Committee to move the balance of the county contingency fund to the county administration line, where these new funds will be available without local matching responsibilities. Furthermore, all funds moved to county administration are then eligible for federal matching funds, consequently spreading the dollars much further.

**HB08-1254, Grandparent Custody Children Neglect (Rose, Tapia)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

HB 1254 would have mandated courts to award custody of a child to the grandparent when the child's custody is in question because of neglect and granting custody to the grandparent is in the best interest of the child. Such a strict preference for grandparent receiving custody could have resulted in unnecessarily removing a child from a stable environment.

**HB08-1264, Electronic Read-Only Access to Court Records (Roberts, Shaffer)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This was a CCI initiated bill. According to this bill, certain attorneys and agency representatives (including county social services and their attorneys) will be able to access the electronic read-only name index and register of actions in the Judicial Branch's data system.

**HB08-1265, Eligibility Child Care Assistance Program (Todd, Shaffer)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

HB 1265 changes the eligibility requirement of the Child Care Assistance Program from 225% of federal poverty level (FPL) to 85% of the state median income. For example, 225% of federal poverty level for a family of four is about \$47,700 and 85% of state median income is about \$50,770.

**HB08-1309, Sunset Review CoverColorado Assessments (V. Mitchell, Isgar)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

The bill repeals the original repeal of the CoverColorado program and creates a long-term task force to consider funding needs for maintaining the program. CoverColorado is the catastrophic health insurance program for ill Colorado residents who do not have health insurance coverage.

**HB08-1342, Child Support Enforcement Procedures (Kefalas, Ward)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill clarifies that an independent contractor working for a county government agency to collect debt is not considered a collection agency and is not a "debt collector" as defined in the statute. It sets procedures for adding another child to an existing case involving the same parents and ensures the confidential collection of social security numbers of all individuals involved. Other provisions provide guidelines for liquidating securities to satisfy past due child support obligations. Finally, this bill allows the state agency enforcing child support matters to put an administrative lien on insurance payments, awards and settlements of the person owing child support.

**HB08-1362, Earned Income Tax Credit (Kefalas, Boyd)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have created the earned income tax credit fund to provide this credit to the eligible families within the state regardless of whether state TABOR refunds are anticipated. This bill concerned counties because its passage would have threatened the solvency of TANF funds.

**HB08-1366, Recodification of Early Intervention Services (Pommer, Keller)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This is a legislative cleanup of early intervention services. It emphasizes the importance of recognizing and addressing developmentally disabled children's needs within the first few years of life to mitigate further difficulties and lessen the need for costly services later in life. The bill is largely concerned with funding for early intervention services in compliance with the federal "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act" or IDEA.

**HB08-1390, CoverColorado Long-term Funding (McGihon, Isgar)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This legislation modifies elements of the administration and insurance company fee structures for funding CoverColorado.

**HB08-1391, Mental Health Services Child Abuse Pilot (Romanoff & Buescher, Keller & Morse)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill creates the Mental Health Services Child Abuse Pilot Program to provide mental health screening, evaluation, and services to children who are involved in a neglect or abuse case. Three voluntarily participating counties will make up the program and the State Department of Human Services will evaluate the program and report to the legislative committees.

**HB08-1404, Study & Review Child Welfare System (Stafford, Keller)**

**CCI Position: Late Bill (Staff Monitor)**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

In addition to creating a cash fund and requiring Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) reports to the relevant legislative committees, this bill requires the county departments to render information about their employees, such as "qualifications, work schedules, pay, duties, evaluations, training and corrective and disciplinary actions" upon the state's request. However, an amendment to the bill during the Senate hearing added "to the extent permitted by state and federal law." This amendment basically returns the situation to the current legal landscape. The bill allows the state the authority to review county personnel records if it is permitted by state and federal law, with confidentiality protected. If, as counties contend, state and federal law prohibit such access, then the state will not be given access. The bill also permits counties to provide information using an identifier code in place of an employee's name, in order to preserve privacy.

**SB08-003, Medicaid Family Planning (Boyd, Riesberg)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

SB 003 permits the use of Medicaid funds for traditional family planning services. Since many county health departments provide these services, the ability to use Medicaid funds will provide additional resources for local family planning programs. Previous laws clearly prohibit the provision of any form of abortion services with these or other state or federal funds.

**SB08-008, Mentally Ill Offender Task Force Member (Windels, Solano)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

SB 008 simply adds a representative from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to the Task Force on Mentally Ill Offenders.

**SB08-022, Children's Basic Health Plan Overexpenditure (Sandoval, Ferrandino)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill allows end-of-year expenditures by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for the Children's Basic Health Plan (CBHP) to exceed state appropriations. However, sufficient funds must be anticipated through end-of-year reversions of funds appropriated but unspent from the department, the Health Care Expansion Fund, or the CBHP Trust. The approval of the governor is required for additional end-of-year expenses.

**SB08-034, Transportation Plan Zoning for Special Needs Facility (Johnson, Fischer)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Signed by Governor**

This CCI initiated bill allows counties to request plans for transportation in an application for development of a facility to serve those with special needs. While it does not allow the county to use an inadequate transportation plan as the sole grounds for denial, it does give counties the authority to require such a plan to be part of the application.

**SB07-047, Funding for CASA Programs (Morse, Pommer)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Lost**

The Court-appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Fund was created to hold money for the CASA program that represents children in abuse and neglect cases. According to the Office of Children's Representatives, the fund has had a \$0 balance since its creation in 2000. This bill increases the marriage license fee from \$10 to \$40 in an effort to fill the CASA Fund.

**SB08-057, Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids for Minors (Kester, Marshall)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill requires insurance coverage that covers basic health needs of children to also cover hearing aids. Providing hearing aids to children who have been diagnosed with hearing loss in the early stages improves their chances of language development skills.

**SB08-064, Increase for Supplemental Old Age Pension Fund (Sandoval, Buescher)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

SB 64 was one of several bills introduced for the purpose of increasing the Old Age Pension funding provided for in the Colorado Constitution. Only one bill was necessary, and SB 131 more closely reflected a feasible funding strategy than SB 64.

**SB08-090, Medicaid Mail-order Prescription Drugs (Hagedorn, McGihon)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This legislation carves out several exceptions to allow individuals to receive mail-order prescription drugs under Medicaid. In particular, individuals who are physically unable to get to a pharmacy or are on maintenance drugs can use this provision.

**SB08-099, Extend Medicaid Foster Care (Sandoval, Stafford)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill allows young adults (under the age of 21) who were recently emancipated from foster care to be eligible for Medicaid benefits. These young adults were previously turned out of placement, often with few resources.

**SB08-127, Extend CBMS Expenditures Deadline (Morse, Buescher)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Signed by Governor**

This is merely a statutory extension of the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) federal funds expenditure deadlines. Since revisions to the program will continue, and the

federal funds are still available, the time extension permits Colorado to continue receiving available funds.

**SB08-131, Increase for Supplemental Old Age Pension Fund (Morse, Buescher)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

SB 131 increases the amount allocated to the supplemental old age pension health and medical care fund from the receipts collected from the state sales and use tax. The bill also decreases the allocation to the general fund by an amount equal to the increase, keeping the budget balanced.

**SB08-160, Children's Health Care (Hagedorn, McGihon)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill changes the eligibility standard for the baby and kid care program under Medicaid to 133% of federal poverty line. It ensures 12 months continual enrollment for Children's Basic Health Plan, if eligible, and changes the eligibility requirement from 205% to 225% of federal poverty line. It allows the Department of Health Care Policy and Finance to change that eligibility standard to as high as 250% of the federal poverty line, depending on available appropriations.

**SB08-161, Medicaid and CHP+ Enrollment (Boyd, Merrifield)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Finance to adopt rules for verifying Medicaid and Children's Basic Health Plan eligibility through Department of Labor records. The bill does allow applicants to provide other forms of verification if they are more up to date than Department of Labor records. The Advisory Committee on Covering All Children is required by the bill to look into combining Medicaid and Children's Basic Health Plan.

**SB08-177, Colorado Works Program Omnibus (Boyd, McGihon & Massey)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill aims to alter the Colorado works program to be in compliance with federal law and to facilitate its administration by revisiting the program ten years after its inception. In addition to repealing obsolete terms in the program, refining the eligibility requirements to be more equitable, and repealing specific provisions such as that of diversion grants, the bill contains provisions that substantially impact counties. The bill creates caps on county Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) reserves in order to provide for new funds for strategic programs to be overseen by the state. The caps will have the effect of decreasing the county reserves over a four year period. At the same time, the bill contains a repeal date that will permit the state and the counties to revisit the funding strategy and determine that sufficient funds remain available for basic TANF programs. The bill increases the Basic Cash Assistance to at least 120% of the current rates, while creating the authority in the State Board of Human Services for continuing review and establishment of the Basic Cash Assistance grants over time. The bill creates a new board that will oversee the strategic grants created from the reserve caps. The board includes significant representation by counties, state agencies, and advocacy groups.

**SB08-183, Paternity DNA Testing Child Support (S. Mitchell, Todd)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

Previously, there was no recourse for challenging a judge's decision on child support matters once it has been determined by DNA testing. This bill requires the judge to change or stop an order for child support if an involved party requests it and DNA testing indeed proves the party is not the biological father. The bill sets up conditions for exceptions to this requirement. As introduced, the counties were opposed to the legislation, largely due to the potential impact on children.

As amended by the House, the courts must consider issues of basic justice and the best interests of the affected children. Colorado Department of Human Services agreed that this amending language made the bill acceptable. The final bill contains the more acceptable House amendments.

**SB08-194, Public Health Reorganization (Hagedorn, McGihon)**

**CCI Position: Support with Amendments**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill attempts to modernize statutes concerning county and district health departments and agencies. In addition to creating a public health fund, it requires the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to form a plan that is ultimately approved by the state board of health. This was a work of collaboration on the part of various stakeholders with county commissioners resulting in legislation that updated vital services to Colorado citizens, as well as making it financially feasible for counties.

**SB08-210, Child Care County Reimbursement Rates (Shaffer, Scanlan)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

In the spirit of improving the quality of child care throughout the state, this bill would have established child care county reimbursement rate requirements. The original bill would have set the child care provider reimbursement floor at the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of a county's market survey. The bill drove a \$12 million fiscal note, which was somewhat ameliorated by a phase-in provision. The House, in second reading action, amended the bill to simply create a task force to examine the child care provider rate situation and consider how to increase the reimbursement. The Senate accepted the House amendment, and the bill was passed as a study.

**SB08-214, Local Government Medicaid Provider Fees (Shaffer, Frangas)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

In 2006, the General Assembly passed SB 145 to allow local governments to collect fees from non-governmental hospitals and health care agencies in order to participate in the state's Medicaid program with federal dollars. Thus far, there is only one local government who has imposed a provider fee and is awaiting federal approval for it. This bill makes clarifications and specifications to more fully meet the federal requirements. In addition to further defining qualified providers and clarifying the basis for the imposed fee, the bill establishes how the fee can be collected and distributed.

**SB08-216, County Match Residential Child Care (Morse, White)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

To respond to the sunset of HB06-1395, the Joint Budget Committee recommended 10% (currently 20%) for the county share of the contribution to all residential child health care programs, which includes non-Medicaid residential programs, the Therapeutic Residential Child Care Facility, and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities. Without this piece of legislation, county contributions would increase by over \$8 million every fiscal year. The bill was adopted by both houses with overwhelming support.

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**Land Use & Natural Resources (LUNR)**

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**HB08-1014, Track Residential Well Ownership Records (Looper, Gordon)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

The bill requires that when a piece of residential real estate containing a small capacity well or domestic exempt water well is sold, the buyer must provide information to the Division of Water Resources in the Department of Natural Resources. The buyer is required to fill out a "registration of existing well" form for any well that is not already registered.

**HB08-1053, Electronic Submission of Plats (McNulty, Harvey)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill, a CCI legislative priority, gives county surveyors and other local government officials the permissive ability to receive plats for recording and filing by an electronic means of choice.

**HB08-1099, Cleanup Environmental Control Water Solid Waste (McNulty, Tochtrop)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

The administrative clean-up bill moves certain responsibilities from the State Board of Health to the appropriate boards and commissions within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, such as the Water Quality Control Commission.

**HB08-1140, Repeal Rent Control Prohibition (Weissmann, Schwartz)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have repealed the statute that prohibits local governments from being able to impose rent control on private residential properties by passing ordinances or resolutions.

**HB08-1141, Require Sufficient Water Supply (Curry, Bacon)**

**CCI Position: Support as Amended**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill gives local governments the responsibility of determining whether or not an applicant has a sufficient water supply for a proposed real estate development. The bill went through several iterations. The final version essentially outlines the elements of water sufficiency that local governments should consider, but ultimately leaves the final authority to the city or county.

**HB08-1161, Strengthen Mining Reclamation Standards, Ensuring the Protection of Groundwater and Public Health (Kefalas & Fischer, Johnson)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

The bill expands the powers of the mined land reclamation board (MLRB) to regulate mining activities. It clarifies authority regarding uranium in situ leach mining, outlines further reasons for permit denials, mandates groundwater restoration to original condition, mandates landowner notification of in situ leach mining, and mandates notification of adverse impacts to groundwater.

**HB08-1165, Strengthen Mining Reclamation Standards (Fischer & Kefalas, Shaffer)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill was similar to HB 1161 and would have set guidelines for the Mined Land Reclamation Board to better regulate mining activities. It aimed to give the board more authority to take into account public health, environmental impacts, and wildlife resources in their decision-making.

**HB08-1222, Expand Renewable Energy Hydroelectricity (McNulty, Harvey)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

While originally introduced as legislation that would change the types of hydroelectric projects that qualify as recycled or renewable energy resource projects under Colorado law, the bill was amended to be a subject of study during the 2008 interim.

**HB08-1241, CO Watershed Protection Fund Checkoff (Scanlan, Schwartz)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill changes the name of the current program - the "watershed protection fund" - to one more likely to engage the taxpayer - the "healthy rivers fund." It continues the checkoff with the new program name, for the benefit of watersheds.

**HB08-1280, Protect Leased Instream Flow Water Right (Fischer, Schwartz)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

HB 1280 allows the water rights that have been leased to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) for instream flow to be left out of the historic consumptive use analysis done by the water court. They are not to be considered abandoned water rights in these cases. It sets terms for the CWCB to act in these lease agreements such as recording usage and measuring water flow.

**HB08-1319, Factory Built Structure Requirements (Soper, Kester)**

**CCI Position: Support with Amendments**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

As previous law dictates, factory built structures, commercial structures, and manufactured homes have to be certified if they are manufactured, repaired, or sold in Colorado. HB 1319 requires the Division of Housing to make rules for the training, certification, and testing of installers of manufactured units. Occupied units must have an approval insignia showing inspection passage.

**HB08-1340, Colorado Housing Investment Fund (Kefalas, Boyd)**

**CCI Position: Monitor with Amendments**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have created the Colorado housing investment fund to be administered by the State Division of Housing. The funds were to be distributed through grants and loans for affordable housing needs.

**HB08-1346, Water Conservation Board Construction Fund (Curry, Isgar)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

HB 1346 takes money from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund, as well as the Perpetual Base Account and the Severance Tax Trust Fund Operational Account to fund water projects. This bill removes the prohibition on the use of the CWCB Construction Fund for instream flow rights acquisitions. Of particular interest to counties, the bill allocates \$60 million to build a pipeline to the Republican River to comply with the Republican River Compact with Kansas.

**HB08-1350, Facilitate Financing of Renewable Energy Projects (Madden, Romer)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This legislation updates the clean energy development authority's ability to issue bonds for renewable energy projects and authorizes the removal for cause of members of the board of directors. This creates funding and a bonding system to provide greater renewable energy options at the local government level.

**HB08-1369, Incentives for Donation of Water Rights (Pommer, Gibbs)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have allowed the Colorado Water Conservation Board to provide state income tax credits for the donation of water rights to instream flow.

**HB08-1405, Funding for the Colorado Water Institute (Fischer, Shaffer)**

**CCI Position: Late Bill (Staff Monitor)**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

The Colorado Water Resources Research Institute at Colorado State University was renamed the Colorado Water Institute by the passage of HB08-1026. Since HB08-1026 expands the duties of the institute and a bill from 2007 only appropriated \$150,000 for FY 2007-2008, HB08-1405 increases that appropriation to \$500,000 from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund to the Water Research Fund of the institute for FY 2008-2009.

**SB08-084, Requirements in the Development of Lowry Bombing Range (Hagedorn, M. Carroll)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have prohibited any development of areas in Arapahoe County that were once the Lowry bombing and gunnery range until all environmental remedial decisions were settled. It also would have required that the seller of property disclose clearly in the contract the fact that the property used to be a defense site, possibly containing unexploded ordnances and potable water of unreliable quality.

**SB08-117, Limit Local Building Permit Fee for Solar Panels (S. Mitchell, McNulty)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose Unless Amended** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill originally prohibited local governments from charging more than \$150 for building permit fees in the installation of solar panels. As the bill was finally adopted, the cap is the lesser of actual costs or \$500 for residential projects (\$1,000 for nonresidential), and the entire program is repealed in three years.

**SB08-119, Authorize Domestic Exempt Cisterns (Romer, Looper)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill would have established ten cistern pilot projects as selected by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) over the span of about five years. As amended by the House, the bill will request that the Water Resources Review Committee study the potential of cistern projects and make recommendations.

**SB08-147, Increase Energy Efficiency in State Buildings (Gordon, Hodge)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

Previous law exempted low-income housing projects and construction funded by severance tax direct distribution from energy efficiency standards to which other state-assisted facilities are subject. This bill repeals such exemptions.

**SB08-168, Species Conservation Trust Fund (Isgar, Curry)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill allows transfers from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Fund to the Species Conservation Trust Fund. It is an effort to alleviate the demands of the reserve requirements on the operational account.

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**Public Lands (PL)**

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**HB08-1069, Prohibiting Off-highway Vehicle on Public Land Not Designated by Controlling Land Agencies (Curry, Tochtrop)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Signed by Governor**

The passage of this bill allows local law enforcement officials to ticket individuals who are found on closed trails in public lands. Furthermore, the bill allows hunters to be assessed points against their hunting license if they are using their off-highway vehicles (OHVs) in closed areas while engaging in hunting or fishing.

**HB08-1110, Income Tax Deduction for Wildfire Mitigation (Witwer, Kopp)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This legislation provides an incentive for landowners, living in community wildfire protection plan areas, to claim a deduction for creating fire breaks, defensible space, and other mitigation measures on their land.

**HB08-1182, Withdrawal Consent to Acquire Lands by US Government (McKinley)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

The intent of this bill was to make it more difficult for the U.S. Army to expand the Piñon Canyon maneuver site by withdrawing consent for all federal government acquisition of land in Colorado.

**HB08-1269, Incentives for Sale of Beetle Kill Pine Products (White, Gibbs)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

HB 1269 allows the state, counties, and municipalities to exempt the "blue stained" beetle kill wood and the products using this wood from sales and use tax.

**HB08-1318, Mitigate Pine Beetle Infestation (Lundberg, Taylor)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Sent to Governor**

Under this bill, a fund for the State Forest Service to remove dead trees on state lands is created, funded through voluntary donations from sportsmen when buying hunting and fishing licenses.

**SB08-039, Training Directors of Fire Protection Districts (Kopp, Witwer)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill allows for wildland urban interface training courses for the directors of fire protection districts. It also creates a five member Wildland-Urban Interface Training Advisory Board to advise the division on course content and implementation of the pilot program.

**SB08-063, Off-highway Vehicle Sound Standards (Penry, Butcher)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

SB 063 replaces current OHV and snowmobile sound standards with a statewide SAE international standard. The bill was amended in committee to add language that protects local governments' ability to enforce noise ordinances within their jurisdiction.

**SB08-071, Extend Forest Restoration Pilot Program (Gibbs, Scanlan)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill extends the repeal of the forest restoration pilot program from July of 2008 to July of 2012. Subject to sufficient funds in the operational account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund, \$1 million is appropriated for these forest restoration programs.

**SB08-221, Bonding for Forest Health (Gibbs & Romer, White & Scanlan)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

SB 221 allows the Colorado Water and Power Authority to use money collected from Colorado water providers to bond for forest health and watershed protection projects. The intent of the bill is to establish the authority's ability to bond for forest health and watershed protection and to allow smaller water providers to use larger water providers' credit rating to get a better return on their investment.

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## Taxation & Finance (TF)

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### **HB08-1033, Historic Preservation Income Tax Credit (Levy, Sandoval)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill extends the income tax years that the taxpayer could claim a tax credit for costs related to preserving a historic property from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2020.

### **HB08-1034, Clarify Employer Tax Credit Leasing Companies (Garza-Hicks, Veiga)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

The 2007 General Assembly passed legislation to allow employers to claim the new business facility employee state income tax credit on temporary or leased employees. The current bill changes the definition of "employee leasing company" to clarify the relationship between employers and these employee leasing companies to enable employers to claim the tax credit.

### **HB08-1059, Property Tax Revenue Distribution Timing (Liston, Romer)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill gives latitude to county treasurers in the distribution timeline of property tax revenue. Depending on the amount of revenue generated in the county, the treasurer would have the discretion to distribute the funds less frequently.

### **HB08-1081, Property Tax Credits to Support Education (Lundberg)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

HB 1081 would have created three property tax credits to families whose children attend private schools or are home schooled.

### **HB08-1083, Mineral Revenue Local Government Distribution (Curry, Penry)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

As recommended by the 2007 Interim Committee on Severance Tax and Federal Mineral Lease Revenues, this bill changes the direct distribution of severance tax revenues to local governments. HB 1083 provides a county distribution formula and an intra-county distribution formula, both of which rely on a different set of factors and weights. The direct distribution formula for counties takes into account oil and gas employees' residence, well permits, and overall mineral production in a county in proportion to statewide numbers. For SFY 2009, employees' residence will be weighted at 50% while well permits and mineral production will each be weighed at 25%. Then, beginning in SFY 2010, employee residence, well permits, and mineral production will all be weighted at 30%. The Department of Local Affairs, in consultation with the Energy Impact Advisory Committee, can determine how to apportion the remaining 10% among these three factors or some other factor. After the allocations at the county level are determined, intra-county distributions will be made using employee residence, population, and total road miles. The Energy Impact Advisory Committee is charged with assigning weights to each of these three factors. However, through a memorandum of understanding, agreed to by a county and all municipalities within the county, an alternative weighting can be used. HB 1083 also increases the membership of the Energy Impact Assistance Advisory Committee from nine to twelve members, and outlines additional

requirements and penalties for producers as it relates to submitting employee residence reports.

**HB08-1084, Impact Assistance Prepayment Option (Buescher, Penry)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This is another bill recommended by the Interim Committee to Study the Allocation of Severance Tax and Federal Mineral Lease Revenues. The original bill allowed a taxpayer to make a contribution to a state or local government entity that is impacted by industry. Upon the approval of the Department of Local Affairs, the contribution amount multiplied by a specified interest rate can be used toward offsetting the severance tax liability. The CCI Federal Mineral Lease/Severance Tax Task Force felt that this bill was unnecessary because the current contribution credit is satisfactory. The final version of the bill requires the executive directors of the Departments of Local Affairs, Natural Resources, and Revenue, as well as the Colorado Municipal League and CCI, to work with the Energy Impact Advisory Committee, representatives of the energy and mineral industries, and other stakeholders to reach recommended legislation to improve the Impact Assistance Tax Credit.

**HB08-1125, Audit Special District's Unissued Debt (Marshall, Isgar)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill is the result of the Legislative Audit Committee's work, after finding that not all local governments are consistently requiring annual reports from special districts, as allowed by previous statute. The local government under which the special district is created can request an annual report for the first five years of the special district's creation and after that, a five-year report. The issue of concern to the Auditor's Office is authorized but unissued special district debt and HB 1125 now requires that this information be included in the special district's annual audit report.

**HB08-1160, Net Meter Municipal & Rural Electric Utilities (Solano, Shaffer & Isgar)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill sets parameters for residential and commercial customers of cooperative electric associations and municipal owned utilities who generate their own electricity from certain renewable energy sources to receive net metering benefits.

**HB08-1173, Prudent Management of Institutional Funds (McGihon, Shaffer)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill repeals and reenacts the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act. It establishes new standards for trusts, nonprofit corporations, foundations, and other institutions to follow in managing and investing funds.

**HB08-1218, Allow Counties to Form Power Authority (Rose)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

HB 1218 was a permissive bill that would have given counties the ability to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other cities and counties in Colorado, as well as those in neighboring states, to form electrical power authorities.

**HB08-1225, Business Personal Property Tax Exemption (Rice, Williams)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

Under current law, business personal property that is listed on a single schedule and totals less than \$2,500 in actual value is exempt from property taxation. This bill raises the limit to \$4,000 for the 2009 and 2010 tax years, \$5,500 for 2011 and 2012, and \$7,000 for 2013 and 2014. Beginning in 2015, it will increase biennially by increments according to the Denver-Boulder-Greeley consumer price index.

**HB08-1245, Net Revenue Reductions (Bruce)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

HB 1245 would have had substantial impact on tax revenue for counties. For example, local governments would have been prohibited from assessing motor vehicle registration fees. Telecommunication services would have been exempt from state and local sales taxes. Specific ownership tax rates and some property tax mill levies would have been reduced. Furthermore, the bill would have prohibited local governments from entering into tax increment finance contracts. The projected loss in revenue for counties would have been over \$26 million in Highway Users Tax Fund alone in FY 2008-2009.

**HB08-1258, Modifications to Personal Property Tax Administration (Benefield, Johnson)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have authorized county assessors to hire third party auditors to audit businesses that did not file a business personal property tax return or misrepresented the value of personal property. It would have given the assessors the ability to adjust the taxable value according to the findings of the audit.

**HB08-1305, Enterprise Zone Duties from DOLA to OED (Pommer, Johnson)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Signed by Governor**

As recommended by the Joint Budget Committee, the bill moves all duties and employees involved with the Enterprise Zone Program from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to the Office of Economic Development (OED).

**HB08-1314, Local Gaming Funds Gambling Addiction (Primavera, Spence)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Sent to Governor**

The bill directs the executive director of Department of Local Affairs to contract with nationally recognized mental health providers for counseling gambling addicts using the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Fund. CCI asked for an amendment that would take the money from the State instead of the local fund, but that request was denied.

**HB08-1341, Alcohol Sales Tax Children Basic Health (Frangas)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have referred an increase in state sales and use tax on alcohol sales to the voters. The proposed increase was 2% and revenues would have been used to fund the children's basic health plan trust.

**HB08-1349, Collection of Property Taxes & Tax Increment Financing (Gagliardi, Windels)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This was CCI priority legislation. It allows counties to offset any overpayment of property taxes to any local jurisdiction that receives such payments. This gives county treasurers the flexibility to offset future property tax overpayments to urban renewal authorities and downtown development authorities, which receive payments of property tax, but do not levy it themselves. The authorities are required to make arrangements to ensure that these payments are repaid by either setting aside reserves or entering into an IGA with the municipality that created them.

**HB08-1358, PTO & PTA Sales Tax (Rice, Ward)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

HB 1358 creates a state sales tax exemption for sales by a parent teacher association or organization if the funds are used for the benefit of a public school or organized public school activity. The county's authority to decide whether to adopt the exemption locally is preserved.

**HB08-1368, Taxation of Property Used to Produce Renewable Energy (Buescher, Brophy)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

The tax change made by HB 1368 allows the property that produces energy from a renewable source to be assessed comparable to property that produces energy from a nonrenewable source. This bill directs counties to assess property used for renewable energy production for power company direct use (which is typically under two megawatts) in the same way that the state assesses property producing renewable energy for sale to other entities (which is typically more than two megawatts). HB 1368 also restates the state sales and use tax exemption for components used to produce energy from a renewable source and preserves the local option to adopt a similar exemption.

**HB08-1380, Method of Attributing Income to CO (Jahn, Shaffer)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill changes the current formula for calculating taxable income for companies that have operations in multiple taxing jurisdictions. Business income will be apportioned by the ratio of sales made in Colorado to total sales. For non-business income, there is a choice of apportioning to the appropriate state or apportioning the same way as business income.

**HB08-1413, Business Personal Property Tax (Lambert & Rice, Romer & Spence)**

**CCI Position: Late Bill (Staff Monitor)**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have gradually exempted fully depreciated business personal property from the tax rolls. Currently, the actual value of fully depreciated personal property is equal to 15% of the new replacement cost of the equipment. HB 1413 would have reduced the actual value of fully depreciated personal property over the course of four property tax years.

**HCR08-1003, Senior Property Tax Exemption Eligibility (King & Looper)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This resolution would have referred to the voters expanding the eligibility of senior property tax exemptions by allowing those previously qualified to receive the exemption to move within ten years before the applicable tax year.

**SB08-013, Severance Tax Trust Fund Operational Account Appropriations (Schwartz, Fischer)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This is a bill from the Interim Committee to Study the Allocation of Severance Tax and Federal Mineral Lease Revenues. It reduces the amount of money appropriated from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for oil and gas and mine safety programs and allocates the reductions to wildlife and parks programs. The bill was amended to require that the wildlife and parks funds be used in impacted areas by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy.

**SB08-015, Cemetery District Moneys (Kester, Peniston)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

Previously, the county treasurer was responsible for the revenues of a cemetery district located within his or her county. No other special districts are required to keep their money with the county treasurers. This law gives the cemetery district the ability to choose where to keep their revenues.

**SB08-030, Increase Period a Public Entity Can Delegate Authorities Regarding Public Securities (Veiga, Ferrandino)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

Right now, public securities can be purchased by contract or binding bid by members or finance officers of a public entity, who have been given such authority by that public entity. Current law provides that the delegation is effective for 60 days after the issuance. This bill increases the time period for the delegation to be up to one year.

**SB08-067, Authority of a Local Government to Expend Conservation Trust Fund Moneys for Operational Expenses (Taylor, Riesberg)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Lost**

Current law allows local governments to use lottery money distributed through Conservation Trust Fund for only the purposes of acquisition, maintenance, and development of new conservation sites. This bill would have allowed local governments to use these moneys for the operation of such sites, specifically in paying personnel in the operations.

**SB08-128, Eliminate Sales Tax Cap (Isgar, Hodge)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

As a CCI legislative priority, this bill removes the 6.9% cap set in current statute for sales and use taxes levied collectively by the state, a county, and a municipality. Over the past several years, the counties have had to go to the legislature to ask permission to go to the local voters

to ask permission to raise taxes. With the passage of the TABOR amendment, the necessity to go to the legislature is an added step that the counties feel is no longer necessary. This legislation does not raise taxes, which would still require voter approval.

**SB08-158, Inclusion of County Land in Urban Renewal Areas (Tochtrop, Hodge)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Signed by Governor**

This was a CCI legislative priority. SB 158 allows unincorporated portions of a county to be included in a contiguous urban renewal area in a municipality. Such an inclusion requires actions on the part of the county commissioners and the consent of all real property owners involved. The county commissioners must declare the area to be blighted. They must also submit a proposal to the county planning commission to be sure that the project complies with the county master plan, hold a public hearing, and notify the county assessor of any division of taxes.

**SB08-170, Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Authority (Bacon, Buescher)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This allows a municipality to pass an ordinance to extend the period that a downtown development authority (DDA) is able to collect tax increment finance (TIF) revenue one time for up to 20 years. It requires a recalculation of the base from which the property tax increment is determined and thereby returns a portion of the increment to the other property taxing entities.

**SB08-218, Allocation of Federal Mineral Lease Revenues (Schwartz & Penry, Buescher & Balmer)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

SB 218 reallocates Colorado's portion of federal mineral lease revenues and has been reviewed several times in the *Legislative Report*. It creates a new Higher Education FML Revenues Fund and a new Higher Education Maintenance and Reserve Fund and the bill sets provisions for the use of these funds. As it relates to counties, SB 218 allocates 40% of FML rents and royalties to DOLA, which is then split 50/50 between direct distributions and the energy impact grant program. New language on the grant program requires an emphasis on projects in impacted areas and projects that involve multiple local governments. The new formula for direct distributions takes into account both production and permits, as well as employees who reside in the area. Much like HB 1083 (on severance tax), SB 218 establishes a two-step process for allocating revenues around the state and then allocating revenues within a county. SB 218 also allows local governments within a county to agree on an alternative distribution among themselves. SB 218 allocates 50% of bonus payments to a local government permanent fund maintained by the state. In any year in which FML receipts decline by at least 10%, the General Assembly may make appropriations from the permanent fund up to the amount needed to maintain the level of FML payments to local government (both grants and direct distributions).

**SB08-233, FML-funded Higher Education Projects (Windels & Williams, Riesberg & Marostica)**

**CCI Position: Late Bill (Staff Monitor)**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

SB 233 establishes a process for identifying higher education capital construction projects that are to be funded from federal mineral lease revenues. Furthermore, the bill allows the state treasurer to enter into lease-purchase agreements for these projects.

**SCR08-001, Expand Existing Property Tax Exemptions (Williams, Looper & Todd)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This resolution would have referred to the voters of Colorado the question of expanding the availability of senior and disabled veteran property tax homestead exemptions.

*Questions or Comments? Contact Bill Clayton at 303.884.7618 or claytonwjc@aol.com.*

**Tourism, Resorts & Economic Development (TRED)**

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**HB08-1015, Authorize Local Government Marketing (Marostica, Johnson)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill specifically authorizes municipalities and counties to engage in "marketing" activities. Under previous law, counties and cities were specifically authorized to appropriate money for "advertising" the county (calling public attention to what the county has to offer), but not "marketing" (all activities involved in the transfer of goods or services, including advertising).

**HB08-1088, Continuous Appropriation of Certain Cash Funds (Massey, Veiga)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

HB 1088 eliminates the need for the General Assembly to make annual appropriations in support of the new jobs incentives cash fund, the film incentives cash fund, the state council on the arts cash fund and the Colorado travel and tourism promotion fund. This is achieved by providing that moneys in each of these funds are continuously appropriated for the purposes of these authorizing laws.

**HB08-1183, New Job Performance-based Incentive (Hodge, Veiga)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

As introduced, HB 1183 modified the "performance-based incentive" criteria employers must meet to be eligible for grants or loans from the Colorado Economic Development Commission. As passed, HB 1183 repeals the existing statutory criteria and authorizes the commission to establish these criteria via rule making, which is the approach CCI prefers.

**SB08-162, Interest on Fiduciary Accounts for Affordable Housing (Boyd, Riesberg)**

**CCI Position: Not Available Before Final Action**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

SB 162 would have created the Fiduciary Earnings for Affordable Housing Foundation and established a dedicated revenue stream for an affordable housing trust fund. The bill would have required earnings on fiduciary funds held by title companies and others involved in real estate transactions to be paid into the trust fund. It also dictated how the foundation would

have been organized and the permissible purposes and uses of the trust fund. Local governments would have received 50% of the fund through a formula recommended by the State Housing Board after the fund balance reached a certain level.

*Questions or Comments? Contact Chip Taylor at 303.883.9380 or jtaylor@ccionline.org.*

## **Transportation & Telecommunications (TT)**

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### **HB08-1007, Modify Toll Road Notice Requirements (Looper, Tapia)**

**CCI Position: Support with Amendments**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill concerns the sending of notice by a private toll road company's proposed toll project. Instead of requiring the company to record a notice with every county clerk and recorder of the encompassed counties, it requires the proposed toll road corridor map be sent to each municipal or county governing body within any part of the three mile corridor. It also requires the toll road company to provide written notice to property owners along the proposed route within 90 days of the proposed toll road being included in the statewide transportation improvement plan (STIP). HB 1007 prohibits the use of eminent domain by a toll road company and prohibits commencing construction of a toll road or highway until it has been reviewed by the metropolitan planning organization or regional planning commission for the area. HB 1007 voids notices, disclaimers of interest, and maps filed or recorded with the county clerk and recorder prior to the effective date of the act.

### **HB08-1010, Motor Vehicle Traffic Fines (McFadyen, Takis)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

It raises the minimum fine for a class two traffic misdemeanor from \$10 to \$150, class one traffic misdemeanor from \$100 to \$300, and raises fines for a number of motor vehicle traffic infractions. A smaller percentage of the fines collected go directly to local governments (but the same dollar amount) and a larger percentage goes to enhance highway users tax fund revenues.

### **HB08-1012, Evaluation of State Highway System Reduction (Vaad, Spence)**

**CCI Position: Oppose**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

HB 1012 would have required the Colorado Transportation Commission to evaluate the system of state highways to decide if removal of certain portions would be beneficial, including roads and state highways in municipalities. The commission would have had to decide which portions of the system serve primarily local needs with minimal statewide benefit.

### **HB08-1036, Charles Mather Highway Safety Act (McFadyen, Williams)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill allows Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and any other public entity to designate roadways for maintenance, repair, and construction with appropriate signage. The fines are doubled for certain traffic violations within the designated zones.

**HB08-1057, Tourist-oriented Signs Along Rural Highways (Sonnenberg, Williams)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill allows the CDOT to issue permits and establish rules for erecting tourist-oriented directional signs on rural freeways and expressways.

**HB08-1074, Nonconforming Advertising Devices on Highways (Borodkin, Hagedorn)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Signed by Governor**

In 1971, federal law changed to regulate outdoor advertising signs and Colorado changed its state laws to conform to the same standards. Signs that were erected prior to the date of the federal law being effective were allowed to remain unchanged. This bill removes the date specific provision and allows CDOT discretion in removal of non-conforming signs.

**HB08-1092, An Alternative Means to Initiating the Formation of a Regional Transportation Authority (Vaad, Johnson)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose Unless Amended** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

If this bill would have passed, any individual would have been able to initiate a regional transportation authority (RTA) by filing a petition with the county clerk and recorder of every county that is included in the proposed authority.

**HB08-1118, Context Sensitive Solutions for Transportation Projects (Green)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

HB 1118 would have required that every transportation project that starts on or after July 1, 2008 be completed with Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS).

**HB08-1133, Diesel Emissions Inspection Program Area (Lundberg, Schultheis)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have taken El Paso, Larimer, and Weld counties out of the diesel inspection programs as new plans are being developed by the Regional Air Quality Council and the Department of Public Health and Environment to reduce ozone levels.

**HB08-1139, Toll Highway Evaluation by Colorado Tolling Enterprise (M. May, Kopp)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

HB 1139 expands the responsibilities of the Colorado Tolling Enterprise board to include evaluating state decisions to take interest in non-state owned toll highways and operating concessions.

**HB08-1151, Boy Scouts Centennial License Plates (Lambert, Schultheis)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This original bill creates a special boy scouts centennial license plate to be available from 2009 to 2011. An amendment was made by the House Transportation and Energy Committee to increase the one-time fee for the license plate from \$25 to \$50.

**HB08-1171, Purchase Price Exclude Federal Excise Tax (Casso, Gibbs)**  
**CCI Position: Monitor** **Status: Signed by Governor**

This bill takes the federal excise tax out of the purchase price of some heavy trucks, trailers, and tractors, so that the buyer does not pay sales and use and county specific ownership taxes on these federal charges.

**HB08-1230, Mobile Machinery Comply Tier 2 Emissions (Fischer, Tapia)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

For vehicles that are used for construction, road repairs, digging, and well drilling, and not for transportation, this bill would have imposed a \$25 registration fee and required that the vehicle meets U.S. Environmental Protection Agency tier 2 emissions standards by 2010 and tier 3 emissions standards by 2013.

**HB08-1249, Emergency Telephone Services 911 Charge (Rice, Kester)**  
**CCI Position: Support** **Status: Signed by Governor**

HB 1249 clarifies that the emergency telephone services' 911 charge applies to internet telephone services (VOIP) just as other phone services. The suppliers are ultimately responsible for these charges and can pass on the cost to the customer at the point of sale or by decreasing amount of available usage.

**HB08-1251, Hazardous Materials Route Designations (Curry)**  
**CCI Position: Support with Amendments** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have allowed counties to petition for alternative routes to transport hazardous material on county roads or state highways within the county.

**HB08-1257, Overweight Motor Vehicle Permits & Fees (Vaad, Williams)**  
**CCI Position: Support with Amendments** **Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill allows permits and permit fees for an overweight vehicle up to 110,000 pounds with a divisible load, as long as it has a four-axle grouping. These vehicles are not allowed to operate on interstate highways. They do have to adhere to federal and state regulations regarding axle-weight distribution.

**HB08-1278, Eminent Domain by RTD (Summers & White, Tochtrop)**  
**CCI Position: Oppose** **Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have limited the Regional Transportation District (RTD) powers of acquiring land through eminent domain. These powers would only have been used for the purpose of providing public transit and other related secondary purposes in the same effort. CCI's objection to the bill was an amendment mandating the state or any political subdivision to participate in nonbinding mediation with the owner of the subject property prior to commencing an eminent domain action.

**HB08-1312, Transportation Investment Efficiency (Levy, Gordon)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have changed the state's transportation planning process. It would have required more detailed focus on regional transportation planning. It had extensive requirements for the Transportation Commission and how regional plans are completed.

**HB08-1354, Authorize RTD Private Activity Bonds (Levy, S. Mitchell)**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Sent to governor**

This is a permissive bill for local governments, as well as the state and other subdivisions, because it gives them the authority to enter into loan agreements with contractors on transportation projects that are being financed by private activity bonds (PAB). It allows the regional transportation district (RTD) to take advantage of new federal money and legislation that have been established to allow the use of PABs for transportation projects.

**SB08-014, Toll Enforcement Process (Williams, Marostica)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

This allows the Colorado Tolling Enterprise to adopt an administrative process modeled after that of the public highway authorities to adjudicate toll evasion cases. County and municipal courts will no longer have jurisdiction over these cases once an administrative toll enforcement process is established.

**SB08-041, Clarify Mineral Ownership Under Highways (Cadman, Curry)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Signed by Governor**

SB 041 originally said no governmental entity is allowed to obtain interests in oil, natural gas, or other mineral resources for the purposes of constructing roads and highways, unless it is providing subsurface support for the project. CCI amended the bill to say that counties are required to comply with the provisions of the bill only in cases of eminent domain.

**SB08-124, Landscape Maintenance Excavation (Williams, Gagliardi),**

**CCI Position: Support**

**Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This is a recurring CCI legislative priority. This bill would have excluded routine road maintenance operations from the "one-call" law requiring notification of the Utility Notification Center of Colorado three days prior to commencing the maintenance work. Although CCI worked with a very large group of stakeholders over the course of 2 years in developing this legislation and had widespread support from them, a few entities that declined to participate in the discussions decided to oppose the bill in the second house and were able to torpedo the compromise.

**SB08-155, Centralize IT Management in OIT (Cadman, A. Kerr)**

**CCI Position: Monitor**

**Status: Sent to Governor**

The governor's Office of Information Technology was created to consolidate information technology resources in the state executive branch. This bill makes statutory changes that are in line with Executive Order D 016 07, which began the consolidation process.

**SB08-209, I-70 Traffic Mitigation Pilot Project (Romer, McFadyen)**

**CCI Position: Not Available Before Final Action      Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

The transportation commission would have been allowed by this bill to create an Interstate 70 Congestion Management Pilot Program between the Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnel and Floyd Hill during peak traffic times.

**SB08-213, Colorado Tolling Enterprise Powers (McElhany, M. May)**

**CCI Position: Oppose      Status: Lost**

This bill would have given authority to the board of the Colorado tolling enterprise to designate any portion of the highway between the Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnel and Floyd Hill as a tolling highway.

**SB08-215, OIT Broadband Telecom Map (Schwartz, Riesberg)**

**CCI Position: Monitor      Status: Sent to Governor**

This bill calls for the creation of a broadband telecommunications and information services map. It would be the responsibility of the chief information officer of the office of information technology in connection with the public utilities commission and the governor's innovation council to identify these areas in attempting to branch services to unserved areas. This map is to serve as an inventory of service areas.

**SB08-222, Allocate More SB97-001 Funding for Transit (McElhany)**

**CCI Position: Late Bill (Staff Monitor)      Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have increased the amount of money that is transferred from the sales and use tax holding fund to the highway users tax fund and eventually credited to the state highway fund.

**SB08-244, Transportation Infrastructure Preservation Act (Tapia, Rice & McFadyen)**

**CCI Position: Late Bill (Staff Monitor)      Status: Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would have imposed a new fee on rental cars and a new fee on classified personal property upon which specific ownership tax is imposed. It would have put an increase to motor vehicle and trailer registrations, and placed the funds in bridge safety trust fund specifically to be spent on deficient bridges as determined by the federal highway administration. SB 244 was introduced with less than 2 weeks left in the legislative session and, with so many moving parts, was PI'd by the sponsor in the appropriations committee. CCI continues to engage in the transportation funding discussions and will provide updates throughout the summer on the latest developments.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR 2009 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) GRANT PROGRAMS**

CDOT announces the availability of transit funds for calendar year 2009 for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs. The Transit Unit administers five FTA grant programs that support a variety of transit services in Colorado. Three of those programs have additional funds available for 2009. Therefore, CDOT will entertain new applications (service not applied for under the June 2007 CDOT/FTA application) for projects eligible under the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), the New Freedom, and the Intercity Bus (ICB) programs.

*Complete details* about these grant programs, including how to apply for funding, review procedures, and compliance requirements are in the "CDOT Application Instructions and Grant Guidelines." This document is in six parts and located on the Transit Unit website ([www.dot.state.co.us/App\\_transit/](http://www.dot.state.co.us/App_transit/)).

**The 2009 Application for FTA funding Assistance has been available since April 21, 2008. Completed applications, to include all requirements listed above, are due to CDOT no later than 5:00 p.m., June 9, 2008. No exceptions!**

Please contact CDOT or CCI for more detailed information on these grant programs.

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### **COURT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM WEBCAST**

The State Court Administrator and the Court Security Commission would like to invite you to attend an informational webcast concerning the second application period for court security funds available to local court security teams. THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE WEBCAST IS **Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from noon to 1pm**. Questions can be sent via e-mail during the live presentation.

This is a great opportunity to bring your local court security team together to watch and participate in the presentation. The webcast provides an opportunity to reach across the state to deliver consistent information about the Court Security Grant Program. It is the goal of the commission to move these funds to the counties as quickly as possible.

You should receive a mailing directly from the Judicial Department in the next week or two but please contact CCI if you need more information.

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### **ENERGY BUILDING CODE TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

In an effort to implement HB07-1146, the Governor's Energy Office is offering *free* energy building code workshops around the state between now and June 20<sup>th</sup>.

HB07-1146 calls for all jurisdictions with a building code to adopt, by July 1, 2008, the 2003 or successor edition of, the International Energy Conservation Code. Please recall that HB07-1146 only requires counties to adopt an energy code for the building codes they currently have in place. So, if a county only has a residential building code in place, an energy code must be adopted for the residential building code. Also, HB07-1146 allows counties to amend the energy code to address local conditions as long as the amendments do not decrease the effectiveness of the energy code. CRS 31-15-602

Please contact CCI for workshop times and locations.

