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SB08-001	Senate: Morse House: Stephens	Concerning Creation of a School Safety Resource Center within the Department of Public Safety.	Creates in the department of public safety the school safety resource center to assist schools in preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and crisis situations. Sets forth the duties of the center. Authorizes the center to employ staff and contract for services.	02/06/2008 Senate Committee on Judiciary Refer Amended to Appropriations		Monitor & Seek to Amend
SB08-009	Senate: Tochtrop House: Rice	Concerning Measures to Ensure the Proper Payment of Fire and Police Pension Benefits.	Establishes penalties related to fire and police pension death and disability survivor benefits for a member who, as otherwise required by law, fails to submit to a medical examination or fails to provide information to the board of directors of the fire and police pension association or its designee.	02/15/2008 Senate Second Reading Passed with Amendments		Monitor
SB08-011	Senate: Morse House: Massey	Concerning Funding for the Provision of Uncompensated Trauma Care to Persons Injured in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Colorado.	Establishes the emergency responders and trauma care reimbursement program in the department of public health and environment to reimburse emergency and trauma care providers for uncompensated care provided to patients injured in a motor vehicle accident.	01/9/2008 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Health and Human Services	This bill was the topic of discussion at the Trauma Care Preservation Coalition (TCPC) meeting on 1/8/08. It was the consensus of the TCPC members to support this bill.	Support
SB08-026	Senate: Hagedorn House: White	Concerning a Requirement that Cigarettes Sold in Colorado Meet Specified Standards for Reduced Ignition Propensity.	Requires all cigarettes sold in Colorado on or after July 31, 2009, to be tested for, and to meet, specified standards for reduced ignition propensity. Specifies labeling to identify complying cigarettes. Prescribes the testing methods to be used. Requires manufacturers to certify in writing that their cigarettes have been tested and meet the standards.	02/15/2008 Senate Appropriations Comm. - Pass Amended to Senate Committee of the Whole	SB08-026 was heard by Senate Appropriations on February 15, 2008. The bill was amended to include a provision to sunset after five years. The bill was passed to the Committee of the Whole on a vote of 8-1 (1 excused).	Support
SB08-039	Senate: Kopp House: Witwer	Concerning a Training Program for Directors of Fire Protection Districts in Wild Land-Urban Interface Areas.	Directs the division of fire safety in the office of preparedness, security, and fire safety in the department of public safety to establish a pilot program by a specified date to offer training courses to board members of fire protection districts whose territory includes wildland-urban interface areas. Specifies the course subjects.	02/7/08 Senate Local Government - Refer to the Committee of the Whole w/ amendments	SB08-039 is on the calendar for 2nd reading debate in the Senate for Monday, February 18, 2008.	Support as amended

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SB08-051	Senate: Taylor House: Marshall	Concerning a Grant of Additional Enforcement Authority to the Director of the Division of Oil and Public Safety.	Grants enforcement authority to the director of the division of oil and public safety in the department of labor and employment for violations of laws and rules concerning boilers and explosives. Allows the director to seek an injunction restraining a person from violating laws or rules concerning public school construction, boilers, and explosives. Allows the division to inspect blast sites. Requires an entity that conducts blasting to notify the division.	02/05/2008 Senate Committee on Business, Labor and Technology Refer Amended to Appropriations		Monitor
SB08-071	Senate: Gibbs House: Scanlan	Concerning Extension of the Repeal Date of the Forest Restoration Pilot Program, and, in Connection Therewith, Extending the Repeal Date of the Technical Advisory Panel.	Extends the repeal date for the forest restoration pilot program and the technical advisory panel to July 1, 2012.	01/31/2008 Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources & Energy Refer Amended to Appropriations		Support
SB08-080	Senate: Kopp House: Witwer	Concerning an Income Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters.	For income tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2008, but prior to January 1, 2018, there shall be allowed a credit with respect to the income taxes imposed pursuant to the provisions of this article in the amount of \$125 per income tax year to any qualified volunteer firefighter.	02/07/2008 Senate Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely	SB08-080 was taken up by Senate Finance Committee on 02/07/08. As expected, the sponsor asked the committee to PI the bill as it is a revenue reduction bill and must start in the House. This action has the same effect as killing the bill.	Amend & Support
SB08-103	Senate: Tochtrop House: None	Concerning a Requirement that a Portion of the Property Tax Revenues Collected by an Urban Renewal Authority In Connection With Tax Increment Financing be Shared with Other Local Governments.	Commencing with the first property tax year in which any payment of property taxes are allocated and paid into a special fund to pay off indebtedness incurred by an urban renewal project, requires an urban renewal authority to make an annual payment to the other public bodies that share in the revenues produced by the property tax levy, including counties, school districts, and special districts, in an amount that is not less than a specified percentage of the amount of revenues from the property tax levy paid into the special fund in that year.	02/14/2008 Senate Local Government Committee – Testimony only	SB08-103 was heard in Senate Local Government Committee on February 14, 2008. Committee testimony was taken and the bill was laid over for action.	Support

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SB08-116	Senate: Kester House: Looper	Concerning a Requirement that Employers of a Specified Size Allow Employees Who Are Volunteer Firefighters to Leave Work to Respond to an Emergency Summons.	Protects the jobs of employees who leave work to respond to specified emergency summonses as volunteer firefighters when the employer employs more than 50 employees, has been notified previously of the employee's status as a trained and certified volunteer firefighter, and receives written verification that the employee so responded.	02/14/2008 Senate Local Government Comm. - Pass Amended to Senate Committee of the Whole	SB08-116 was heard in Senate Local Government Committee on February 14, 2008. The bill was amended to drop the size of the employer, to drop the requirement that the volunteer firefighter be certified, and to exempt those employees who are "essential personnel" to the employer. SB08-116 was referred to full Senate for 2nd Reading on a 6-0 vote (1 absent).	Support as amended
SB08-158	Senate: Tochtrop House: None	Concerning the Inclusion for Urban Renewal Purposes of Unincorporated Land Within a County That is Contiguous to a Portion of an Urban Renewal Area Located Within a Municipality.	Permits an urban renewal plan, urban renewal project, or urban renewal area to include unincorporated territory outside the boundaries of a municipality but contiguous to a portion of the urban renewal area located within the municipality. Prohibits such territory from being included in the plan, project, or area without the consent of the board of county commissioners and the consent of each owner of real property within the unincorporated area proposed for inclusion.	02/11/2008 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Local Government		Monitor

HOUSE BILLS

HB08-1009	House: Massey Senate: Morse	Concerning Emergency Medical Care Coverage in Connection With an Automobile Insurance Policy Issued in Colorado.	Requires an automobile insurance policy issued, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2009, to contain emergency medical care coverage of at least \$15,000 to cover the costs of all medically necessary and accident-related emergency medical care services provided to a person injured in a motor vehicle accident.	01/9/2008 Introduced In House - Assigned to Business Affairs and Labor		Monitor
HB08-1027	House: V. Mitchell Senate: Taylor	Concerning Building Inspection Requirements for Educational Institutions.	Clarifies the role of the division of oil and public safety in delegating the responsibility of performing inspections of public school buildings and junior college district buildings to a building department or a 3rd-party inspector. Requires a memorandum of understanding between the division and a building department that wishes to perform inspections.	01/24/2008 House Committee on Education Refer Amended to House Appropriations	The amendment that was worked on by the stakeholder group to address fire code inspections and enforcement was offered and passed. The bill passed unanimously, as amended to Appropriations Committee.	Support as amended

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HB08-1070	House: Riesberg Senate: Tochtrop	Concerning the Redetermination of Benefits Payable Under the Fire and Police Pension Association's Statewide Defined Benefit Plan for New Hire Members	Modifies how the board of directors of the fire and police pension association may increase the benefits payable under statewide defined benefit plans for members of the association hired on or after April 8, 1978.	02/15/2008 Sent to the Governor		Monitor
HB08-1097	House: Lambert Senate: Romer	Concerning the Provision of Protections to Certain Types of Volunteers Who Volunteer Their Services in a State-Level Emergency Situation.	Prohibits any employer from discriminating against or discharging from employment any member of the civil air patrol because of such membership and from preventing any member from performing a civil air patrol mission. Allows a member who is a public employee and who is called to duty for a civil air patrol mission to take a leave of absence from his or her employment without loss of pay or benefits during the period of the mission.	02/15/2008 House Third Reading Passed	The bill was amended in the House to expand the protections to apply to all emergency services.	Monitor
HB08-1103	House: J. Kerr Senate: Isgar	Concerning the Regulation of Amusement Rides by the Division of Oil and Public Safety.	Requires each operator of an amusement ride to submit an annual certificate of inspection to the division of oil and public safety for each amusement ride. Requires the director of the division to establish minimum certification requirements for inspectors. Requires the inspector of each ride to be an independent 3rd-party inspector. Requires the operator of an amusement ride to notify the division regarding injuries caused by amusement rides, the installation of new rides, and the schedule for the location of amusement rides.	02/15/2008 House Appropriations Committee - Pass Unamended to House Committee of the Whole	HB08-1103 is on the calendar for 2nd reading debate in the House for Tuesday, February 19, 2008.	Monitor
HB08-1110	House: Witwer Senate: Kopp	Concerning an Income Tax Deduction For a Landowner's Direct Costs Incurred in Performing Wildfire Mitigation Measures.	Allows an income tax deduction for a landowner who performs wildfire mitigation measures on private land in a wildland-urban interface area.	02/15/2008 House Appropriations Committee - Pass Amended to House Committee of the Whole	The bill was amended by House Appropriations Committee to include an emergency clause. The bill was passed to Appropriations Committee on a 9-3 vote, with one member excused. HB08-1103 is on the calendar for 2nd reading debate in the House for Tuesday, February 19, 2008.	Support

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HB08-1163	House: Sonnenberg, Senate: Bacon	Concerning an Exception to Statutory Requirements Governing the Collection of Excess Property Tax Revenue by Urban Renewal Authorities in Connection With Tax Increment Financing for Certain Special Districts Providing Emergency Services.	Commencing with the first property tax year in which the excess of any payment of property taxes is allocated and paid into a special fund on or after the effective date of the act in connection with tax increment financing by urban renewal authorities, prohibits any portion of any revenues from such excess that are allocated to any special district providing emergency services from being be collected and paid into the special fund.	02/05/2008 House Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely	HB08-1163 was heard by House Finance Committee on 2/5/08. A motion to pass HB-1163 to the floor with a favorable recommendation died on a 6-5 vote, and the bill was subsequently postponed indefinitely.	Amend & Support
HB08-1187	House: B. Gardner Senate: Spence	Concerning the Prohibition of Strikes Against Public Employers.	Prohibits every public employee and every employee organization from directly or indirectly inducing, instigating, encouraging, authorizing, ratifying, or participating in a strike against any public employer. Prohibits a public employer from consenting to or condoning a strike. In the event of a public employee strike or the imminent threat of a strike, authorizes the public employer to seek an injunction from the district court.	01/24/2008 House Committee on Business Affairs and Labor Postpone Indefinitely		Monitor
HB08-1249	House: Rice Senate: Kester	Concerning the Emergency Telephone Services Charge.	Clarifies that the 911 service charge applies to prepaid wireless and internet-based telephone systems. Sets standards for the collection of such service charge. Changes the timing of the distribution of 911 service fees to any time a service user is capable of accessing the emergency service. Directs the public utilities commission to promulgate rules governing the remittance of 911 service fees to governing bodies based on point of sale, area of primary usage, customer address, or other relevant methods. [more]	02/14/2008 House Committee on Transportation & Energy Pass Amended to House Committee of the Whole	HB08-1249 passed the House Transportation & Energy Committee on 2/14/08 a 9-4 vote and is now awaiting 2nd reading in the House. HB08-1249 is on the calendar for 2nd reading debate in the House for Monday, February 18, 2008.	Support
HB08-1251	House: Curry Senate: None	Concerning Hazardous Material Route Designations.	Enables a county to petition for changes to a hazardous material route designation with respect to any portion of a state- or county-maintained public road located within that county. Requires any entity petitioning for a route designation change to identify any alternate routes in its petition. [More]	02/14/2008 House Transportation & Energy Committee - Postpone Indefinitely		Monitor

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HB08-1259	House: M. Carroll Senate: None	Concerning Increased Accountability Requirements for Special Districts.	States that a special district may provide services only within the territory of the special district. Requires a special district that currently provides services outside its territory to file a petition within a specified time to modify its service plan in order to provide services only within its territory. Requires every special district to file an annual report with any county or city in which the district is located, the division of local government, and the state auditor. Requires regular special district elections to be held on the date of a general or coordinated election.	01/31/2008 Introduced In House - Assigned to Local Government	Rep. Morgan Carroll has agreed to introduce an amendment to strike the entire Section 1 of this bill. Section 1 of the bill would prohibit any special district from providing any services outside its boundaries. HB 08-1259 is scheduled to be heard by House Local Government Committee on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 0111.	Oppose Support amendment to strike Section 1 of the bill.
HB08-1267	House: Massey Senate: None	Concerning the Creation of a First Responder School Mapping System.	Requires the school safety resource center in the department of public safety to create and operate a first responder school mapping system to provide first responders immediate access to maps of school buildings and other information in the event of an emergency at a school building. Requires the department to create the mapping system in accordance with the recommendations of the school safety resource center advisory board. [more]	01/31/2008 Introduced In House - Assigned to Education	HB08-1267 is scheduled to be heard by House Education Committee on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 1:30 PM in Room 0112.	Monitor
HB08-1279	House: Bruce Senate: None	Concerning Governmental Land Use Regulations, and, in Connection Therewith, Requiring Land Developers to Pay Fees to Address the Impacts Caused By New Construction, Placing Limits on Fees For Changes in Permitted Uses of Real Property, Prohibiting the New Issuance or Application of Land Use Regulations in Specified Circumstances Without the Payment of Just Compensation, and Providing for Initiative Petition Rights by Which Electors May Vote to Limit or End Land Use Regulations.	Requires each land developer seeking to develop Colorado real property for new construction, but not for additions to existing structures, to pay, within a specified deadline after final plat approval or similar final approvals, a proportionate impact fee in an amount established by a public schedule related to the direct and indirect impacts of such development as specified in the act. On or after the effective date of the act, prohibits any local government, even with voter approval, from increasing taxes or issuing bonds, certificates of participation, leases, or any other legal borrowing instruments to finance new or expanded capital improvements that address growth caused by new construction for which impact fees under the act are being paid or will be paid to the local government. [more]	02/14/2008 House Committee on Local Government Postpone Indefinitely		Monitor

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HB08-1315	House: Gallegos Senate: None	Concerning the Authorization for Volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians to Form a Pension Plan.	<p>Expands the "Volunteer Firefighter Pension Act" to allow volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMTs) who are affiliated with an ambulance district to create and maintain a pension plan for volunteer EMTs.</p> <p>Specifies that the state shall provide a contribution to each volunteer EMT pension plan in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the tax revenue that the ambulance district receives for the plan.</p> <p>Provides certain job protections for volunteer EMTs. Specifies that a volunteer EMT's years of service for the purposes of receiving benefits shall be counted from the date that a volunteer EMT pension plan is created and starts receiving contributions.</p>	02/01/2008 Introduced In House - Assigned to Local Government	HB08-1315 is scheduled to be heard by House Local Government Committee on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 0111.	Monitor
HB08-1324	House: Witwer Senate: Kopp	Concerning an Income Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters.	For income tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2008, but prior to January 1, 2018, there shall be allowed a credit with respect to the income taxes imposed pursuant to the provisions of this article in the amount of \$125 per income tax year to any qualified volunteer firefighter.	02/12/2008 House Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely		Support
HB08-1334	House: Witwer Senate: Kopp	Concerning Health Insurance for Bona Fide Volunteer Emergency Service Providers.	Authorizes emergency service providers to enter into group health insurance contracts with carriers for the purpose of providing insurance to bona fide volunteers who are active and in good standing. Allows the governing body of each emergency service provider the discretion to negotiate the details related to the procurement and administration of the insurance contracts. Specifies that bona fide volunteers and emergency service providers fall within the purview of existing group sickness and accident insurance law.	02/12/2008 Introduced In House - Assigned to Local Government	HB08-1334 is scheduled to be heard by House Local Government Committee on Thursday, February 21, 2008 - Upon Recess in Room 0111.	Support