

Bills of Interest to the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association in the 2009 Colorado General Assembly

Bill Number	Sponsor	Title	Bill Summary	Status	Notes/Link to Bill	Position
SB09-001	Senate: Gibbs House: Scanlan	Concerning the Establishment of Community Wildfire Protection Plans by County Governments.	Requires the state forester, in collaboration with representatives of the United States forest service, the Colorado department of natural resources, county governments, municipal governments, local fire departments or fire protection districts, and state and local law enforcement agencies, to establish guidelines and criteria for counties to consider in preparing their own CWPPs to address wildfires in fire hazard areas within the unincorporated portion of a county. [more]	03/19/2009 Signed by Governor	Interim Committee on Wildfire Issues in Wildland-Urban Interface Areas www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/001_enr.pdf	Support
SB09-002	Senate: Morse House: Peniston	Concerning an Increase in the Motor Vehicle Registration Fee to Fund the Emergency Medical Services Account Within the Highway Users Tax Fund.	Increases the motor vehicle registration fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 to fund the emergency medical services account within the highway users tax fund.	05/19/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/002_enr.pdf	Support
SB09-010	Senate: Spence House: None	Concerning Encouraging the Use of Automated External Defibrillators.	Eliminates certain staffing and reporting requirements of a person or entity that acquires an automated external defibrillator (AED). Provides to a person or entity who, in good faith and without compensation, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an AED immunity from liability for any civil damages for acts or omissions made in good faith as a result of such care or treatment. [more]	03/25/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/010_enr.pdf	Support
SB09-013	Senate: Gibbs House: Levy	Concerning the Extension of Civil Immunity to Persons Engaged in Emergency Response Activities.	Enacts the "Marc Mullenix Volunteer Firefighter Protection Act", providing limited civil immunity for: Fire departments and other entities that donate surplus firefighting equipment for later use; and Volunteer firefighters, their commanders, and the organizations that employ them in connection with fires and other emergencies.	06/03/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/013_enr.pdf	Support

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SB09-016	Senate: Kopp & Penry House: S. King & Scanlan	Concerning Measures to Encourage the Restoration of Forest Areas Affected by Bark Beetle Infestation.	Provides a 5-year exemption from business personal property taxes for qualified businesses that remove trees killed by bark beetles if such businesses assist in forest restoration efforts on the affected land after the beetle-killed timber is removed. Establishes a revolving fund to provide start-up revenues for new Colorado businesses that process and sell beetle-killed timber for beneficial uses. [more]	04/17/2009 House Committee on Appropriations Postpone Indefinitely	Interim Committee on Wildfire Issues in Wildland-Urban Interface Areas www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/016_pre.pdf [Note: Bill was postponed indefinitely at the request of the Sponsor. Some provisions are included in HB09-1199, the Governor's Healthy Forest Omnibus Bill]	Support
SB09-017	Senate: Tochtrop House: Riesberg	Concerning Firefighter and Police Officer Disability and Survivor Benefits.	Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission Makes certain changes related to police officers' and firefighters' disability and survivor benefit plans. [more]	03/25/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/017_enr.pdf	Monitor
SB09-018	Senate: Kopp & Gibbs House: S. King & Scanlan	Concerning the Creation of a High-Risk Communities Wildfire Mitigation Grant Program.	Creates the high-risk communities wildfire mitigation grant program and fund. Appropriates specified amounts from the general fund to the fund for the 2008-09 through 2012-13 fiscal years, and appropriates the fund to the Colorado state forest service for expenditure only for high-risk communities wildfire mitigation grants. Allows the forest service to expend up to a specified percentage of each annual appropriation to share the costs of developing CWPPs.	04/02/2009 House Committee on Local Government Postpone Indefinitely	Interim Committee on Wildfire Issues in Wildland-Urban Interface Areas www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/018_pre.pdf [Note: Bill was postponed indefinitely at the request of the Sponsor. Some provisions are included in HB09-1199, the Governor's Healthy Forest Omnibus Bill]	Support
SB09-020	Senate: Gibbs House: Scanlan	Concerning the Responsibility for Responding to Wild Land Fires.	States that the fire chief of a fire protection district is responsible for wildland fires within their boundaries. Designates the sheriff of a county as responsible [more]	04/30/2009 Signed by Governor	Interim Committee on Wildfire Issues in Wildland-Urban Interface Areas www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/020_enr.pdf	Support

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SB09-021	Senate: Kopp House: Scanlan	Concerning Incentives for Volunteer Firefighters. Interim Committee on Wildfire Issues in Wildland-Urban Interface Areas	Creates a fund in the Division of Fire Safety to provide tuition vouchers to qualified volunteer firefighters who are enrolled in full-time or part-time study and who agree to serve as volunteer firefighters for four years after completing their education.	06/03/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/021_enr.pdf	Support
SB09-064	Senate: King, K. House: Massey	Concerning Building Inspections Relating to Utilities.	Removes the requirement that state inspectors shall perform plumbing and electrical inspections of school district buildings. Requires local governments to utilize journeymen or master plumbers when contracting for plumbing inspections within their respective jurisdictions. [more]	03/24/2009 House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee Final Vote – Failed	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/064_ren.pdf	Monitor
SB09-085	Senate: Scheffel House: Lambert & Priola	Concerning a Property Tax Exemption for Business Personal Property.	Creates a legislative task force to study property tax exemption for business personal property.	06/04/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/085_enr.pdf	Monitor
SB09-087	Senate: Carroll M. House: Peniston	Concerning Increased Accountability Requirements for Special Districts.	Requires information about special district audits, budgets, and election results to be posted on the official web site of the division of local government in the department of local affairs. Permits the division to establish a standard form for the annual report that the board of directors of a special district may use when submitting the report. [more]	06/01/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/087_enr.pdf	Monitor
SB09-105	Senate: Gibbs House: Scanlan	Concerning Removal of the Statutory Limit on the Amount That May Be Raised in a Single Year by a Special Property Tax Levied by a BOCC for the Purpose of Fighting Specified Types of Fires in a County.	Removes the statutory limit on the amount that may be raised in a single year by a special property tax levied by a board of county commissioners for the purpose of fighting specified types of fires in a county.	04/30/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/105_enr.pdf	Support

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SB09-109	Senate: Newell House: Schafer S.	Concerning Continuation of Provisions Related to the Fire Service Training and Certification Advisory Board.	Continues indefinitely the fire service training and certification advisory board in the division of fire safety under the provisions of the sunset law.	04/20/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/109_enr.pdf	Support
SB09-122	Senate: Gibbs House: Scanlan	Concerning the Release of Security Assessment Reports to the County Sheriff of the County in Which a Critical State Infrastructure is Located.	Requires the office of preparedness, security, and fire safety to notify and release the report of any security assessment conducted on any critical state infrastructure to the county sheriff of the county in which the critical state infrastructure is located. [more]	02/27/2009 Senate Second Reading Laid Over with Amendments	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/122_loc.pdf Bill was laid over (at the request of the Sponsor) until Friday, May 15, 2009; which has the same effect as killing the bill.	Monitor
SB09-180	Senate: Tochtrop House: Casso	Concerning Collective Bargaining by Employees of Public Safety Agencies. "Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer Collective Bargaining Act."	Grants firefighters and law enforcement officers the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize, form, join, or assist an employee organization or to refrain from doing so; • Negotiate collectively or express a grievance through representatives of their choice; and • Engage in other lawful concerted activity for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection. <p>Authorizes and obligates a public employer and an exclusive representative to bargain collectively in good faith. [more]</p>	06/04/2009 Governor Action - Vetoed	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/180_enr.pdf	Oppose
SB09-205	Senate: Tapia House: Pommer	Concerning Annual State Contribution to FPPA – Old Hire Plans. [Short Title]	FY 08-09 Budget Balancing Bill. For the 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 state fiscal years, eliminates the state's annual contribution to the FPPA to assist in amortizing the unfunded accrued liability of old hire pension plans. Resumes the state's annual contribution to the FPPA beginning in the 2011-12 state fiscal year, and extends such annual contribution through the 2014-15 state fiscal year.	02/17/2009 Senate Committee on Appropriations Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/205_01.pdf	Monitor

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SB09-227	Senate: Tapia House: Pommer	Concerning Assistance With the Unfunded Accrued Liability of Old Hire Pension Plans that are Affiliated With the FPPA, and, Eliminating the State Contribution to the Old Hire Pension Plans for the 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 State Fiscal Years, Extending the State Contribution Through the 2014-15 State Fiscal Year, and Extending the Amortization Period for Underfunded Old Hire Pension Plans that No Longer Receive State Assistance.	FY 08-09 Budget Balancing Bill. For the 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 state fiscal years, eliminates the state's annual contribution to the fire and police pension association (FPPA) to assist in amortizing the unfunded accrued liability of old hire pension plans. Resumes the state's annual contribution to the FPPA beginning in the 2011-12 state fiscal year, and extends such annual contribution through the 2014-15 state fiscal year. Extends the amortization period for old hire pension plans that are underfunded but no longer receive state assistance.	04/16/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/227_enr.pdf	Monitor
SB09-259	Senate: Keller House: Pommer	Concerning the Provision for Payment of the Expenses of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Departments of the State of Colorado, and of its Agencies and Institutions, for and During the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009, Except as Otherwise Noted.	Long Budget Bill. Provides for the payment of expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the state of Colorado, and of its agencies and institutions, for and during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, except as otherwise noted. [Department of Public Safety, Only]	05/01/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/259_act.pdf	Support Division of Fire Safety Budget Request
SB09-273	Senate: White House: Marostica	Concerning Changes in the Laws Governing Pinnacol Assurance and Transferring Certain Surplus Funds of Pinnacol Assurance to the State Treasury	Budget Package Bill. As soon as possible between July 1, 2009, and September 1, 2009, requires the board of Pinnacol Assurance to transmit \$500,000,000 to the state treasurer, who shall credit such sum to the general fund. Clarifies the laws governing Pinnacol Assurance to make clear its status as a political subdivision of the state and that funds of Pinnacol Assurance are not its sole property. [more]	05/04/2009 House Committee on Appropriations Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/273_ren.pdf	Monitor

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SB09-281	Senate: Shaffer B. House: Weissmann	Concerning the Operation of Pinnacol Assurance as a Political Subdivision of the State	Establishes a legislative interim committee to meet during the 2009 interim to study the laws governing worker safety and work-related injury compensation, including the operation of Pinnacol Assurance and to make recommendations on any policy changes with respect to these matters. [more]	06/01/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/281_enr.pdf	Monitor
SB09-293	Senate: Isgar House: Curry	Concerning Changes to Certain Tier Two Transfers Out of the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund to Fund for the 2009-10 State Fiscal Year.	Makes changes for specified state fiscal years to certain tier two transfers out of the operational account of the severance tax trust fund to compensate for a projected revenue loss in that fund for the 2009-10 state fiscal year. Specifically; Authorizes the funding of the Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Fund created by HB09-1199 in the sum of \$825,000. [more]	06/01/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/293_enr.pdf	Support
SB09-296	Senate: Boyd House: Ryden	Concerning the Enforcement of Offenses Involving Failure of Certain Persons in a Vehicle to Use an Appropriate Restraining Device	Makes it a primary offense, punishable as a class B traffic infraction, for a driver to operate a vehicle if the driver, certain children, and all front-seat passengers are not wearing a fastened restraining device. Requires a law enforcement officer, prior to stopping a driver in a vehicle for a restraining device violation, to clearly observe the restraining device violation and be able to articulate that the restraining device was unfastened. [more]	05/04/2009 House Committee on Appropriations Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/296_ren.pdf	Support

HOUSE BILLS

HB09-1005	House: Marostica Senate: Veiga	Concerning the Authority of a Special District to Establish Special Improvement Districts Within the Boundaries of the Special District.	With specified requirements, grants a special district the authority to establish special improvement districts within the boundaries of the special district and levy special assessments on property specially benefited by such improvements.	04/02/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1005_enr.pdf	Monitor
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HB09-1009	House: King, S. Senate: None	Concerning Requiring Public Schools to Conduct Emergency Safety Drills.	Requires public elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools to conduct certain emergency safety drills beginning in the 2010-11 academic year.	02/05/2009 House Committee on Education Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1009_01.pdf	Monitor
HB09-1013	House: Sonnenberg Senate: None	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.	Provides that, if the first property tax year in which the excess of any payment of property taxes is allocated and paid into a special fund in connection with tax increment financing by an urban renewal authority commences on or after a specified date, no portion of any revenues from such excess that are allocated to any special district providing emergency services shall be collected and paid into the special fund.	02/18/2009 House Second Reading Lost	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1013_01.pdf	Support
HB09-1030	House: Labuda Senate: Tochtrop	Concerning Firefighter and Police Officer Pension Plan Compliance With Requirements Set Forth in the Internal Revenue Code.	Requires old hire pension plans to meet the qualification requirements that apply to governmental plans established by the internal revenue code. [more]	03/18/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1030_enr.pdf	Monitor
HB09-1031	House: King, S. Senate: Penry & Gibbs	Concerning a Requirement that the State Match Local Government Contributions to the Emergency Fire Fund.	For the 2009-10 fiscal year and for each succeeding fiscal year, requires the state to make an appropriation from the general fund to the Colorado state forest service in an amount equal to the total amount of voluntary contributions made during the prior fiscal year to the emergency fire fund, which is funded by voluntary contributions from most counties in the state and the Denver water board and used to pay for emergency responses to wildfires. Requires the state forester to grant the entire annual appropriation to the fund.	04/03/2009 House Committee on Appropriations Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1031_pre.pdf	Support

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HB09-1041	House: Gerou Senate: None	Concerning a Fire Protection District Board's Authority to Fix Fees for Emergency Medical Services.	Allows the board of any fire protection district to fix and from time to time increase or decrease fees for extrication, rescue, or safety services provided in furtherance of ambulance or emergency medical services. Specifies what is included in extrication, rescue, or safety services.	06/03/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1041_enr.pdf	Support
HB09-1057	House: A. Kerr Senate: Bacon	Concerning Parental Involvement in Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Education.	Allows an employee of an employer who employs at least 10 employees in this state to take unpaid leave for the purpose of attending parent-teacher conferences or other academic activities related to the educational advancement of the employee's child. [more]	06/01/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1057_enr.pdf	Monitor
HB09-1070	House: Fischer Senate: None	Concerning the Prohibition of Certain Types of Lands From Inclusion in Urban Renewal Areas, and Requiring the Participation in Urban Renewal Areas of Governmental Entities that Impose Property Taxes.	Expands existing statutory provisions governing the submission of an urban renewal plan or modification to the plan to require a municipality to submit the plan or modification and, under specified circumstances, the urban renewal impact report to the governing body of a taxing entity. [more]	02/19/2009 House Committee on Local Government Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1070_01.pdf	Conceptually Support
HB09-1080	House: Marostica Senate: Williams	Concerning a Grant of Qualified Immunity to Building Code Officials Rendering Assistance During a Disaster Emergency.	Grants qualified immunity from civil action to a building code official who, while acting in his or her official capacity, assists during a state of disaster emergency.	03/20/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1080_enr.pdf	No Position FMAC Support
HB09-1091	House: Soper & Court Senate: Romer	Concerning a Requirement that Carbon Monoxide Alarms be Installed in Residential Properties.	Requires any existing single-family dwelling or dwelling unit of an existing multi-family dwelling offered for sale or transfer on or after July 1, 2009, that has a fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage to have an operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within a specified distance of each room lawfully used for sleeping purposes. [more]	03/24/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1091_enr.pdf	Support with Amendments

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HB09-1094	House: Levy Senate: Bacon	Concerning Wireless Telephone Prohibitions for Drivers.	Prohibits operators of a motor vehicle who are under 18 years of age, operators of a school bus, and motor vehicle carriers regulated by the public utilities commission from using a wireless telephone while a motor vehicle they are operating is in motion. [more]	06/01/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1094_enr.pdf	Monitor
HB09-1120	House: Stephens Senate: None	Concerning Criminalizing Certain Acts in Order to Protect the Safety of Certain Public Servants, and Making an Appropriation in Connection Therewith.	Makes it a second degree assault when a person with the intent to infect, injure, harm, harass, annoy, threaten, or alarm a peace officer, a firefighter, or emergency medical technician causes that person to come into contact with blood, seminal fluid, urine, feces, saliva, mucus, vomit, or any toxic, caustic, or hazardous material. [more]	05/21/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1120_enr.pdf	Monitor
HB09-1131	House: Gerou Senate: None	Concerning the Funding of a Training Program for Directors of Fire Protection Districts in Wild Land-Urban Interface Areas.	Repeals a prohibition on the ability of the general assembly to appropriate general fund moneys to the wild land-urban interface training fund to provide training for directors of fire protection districts. Requires a specified amount to be appropriated to the fund each year.	01/29/2009 House Committee on Local Government Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1131_01.pdf [Note: Bill was postponed indefinitely at the request of the Sponsor. Provisions will be rolled into Governor's Healthy Forest Omnibus Bill]	Conceptually Support
HB09-1151	House: Todd Senate: None	Concerning Designating the Department of Public Safety as the Agency Responsible for Oversight of School Building Inspections	Replaces the department of labor and employment with the department of public safety as the oversight agency responsible for school building code inspections. Makes conforming amendments.	05/04/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1151_enr.pdf	Support
HB09-1162	House: Gerou Senate: None	Concerning Intergovernmental Cooperation for the Purpose of Mitigating Wildfires.	Requires each local government that owns any land area that is located either entirely or partially inside the territorial boundaries of a county and that contains forest land or area that constitutes a wild land area to enter into an IGA with the county for the purpose of mitigating forest land or wild land fires. [more]	04/30/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1162_enr.pdf	Monitor/ Support Amendments

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HB09-1199	House: Scanlan Senate: Gibbs	Colorado Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Act of 2009	Providing Resources to the Colorado State Forest Service to Augment Its Technical Outreach Capabilities and Provide Loans and Grants for Market-Based and Forest Treatment Solutions to Reduce Wildfire Risk. [more]	06/03/2009 Signed by Governor	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1199_enr.pdf	Support
HB09-1226	House: McGihon Senate: Carroll M.	Concerning Creation of the "Colorado No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act"	Creates the "Colorado No-fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act", which requires owners and operators of motor vehicles to maintain a complying policy of motor vehicle insurance. [more]	02/18/2009 House Business Affairs and Labor Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1226_01.pdf	Monitor
HB09-1259	House: Hullinghorst Senate: None	Concerning the Imposition of Impact Fees by Local Governments for Certain Authorized Local Purposes.	Authorizes a county, municipality, and city and county, pursuant to an IGA, to impose a fee or charge on behalf of a school district or special district to fund expenditures by the school district or special district on capital facilities or service programs needed to serve new development that is located within the territorial boundaries of the school district or special district that is a party to the IGA. [more]	02/18/2009 House Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1259_01.pdf	Support
HB09-1275	House: Apuan Senate: Morse	Concerning the Ability of the Department of Public Health and Environment to Issue a Provisional Certification to an Applicant Seeking Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician.	Allows the department of public health and environment to issue a provisional 90-day certification to an applicant seeking certification as an emergency medical technician if the applicant satisfies all statutory and regulatory requirements for certification. Allows the department to issue a provisional certification even if the department has not yet received the results of the fingerprint-based criminal history record check on the applicant. [more]	05/19/2009 Signed by Governor	Joint Select Committee on Job Creation and Economic Growth. www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1275_enr.pdf	Support

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HB09-1327	House: Hulling-horst Senate: Tochtrop	Concerning Modifications to the Urban Renewal Law to Address Impacts to Specified Taxing Entities Arising From the Use of Tax Increment Financing Mechanisms to Support Urban Renewal Projects	Adds to existing statutory requirements concerning the findings that must be made before the governing body of the municipality may approve an urban renewal plan: whether the urban renewal authority or the municipality will adequately finance any additional taxing entity infrastructure as well as services required to serve development within the urban renewal area. [more]	04/30/2009 Senate Committee on Local Government and Energy Postpone Indefinitely	www.colofirechiefs.org/09Legislature/1327_ren.pdf	Support

Summary

	Support	Monitor	Oppose	Total	Passed	Pl'd or Killed
Senate Bills	13	9	1	23	15	8
House Bills	13	7	0	20	12	8
Total	26	16	1	43	27	16