



**Colorado  
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## Legislative Update

We are twenty-six days into the legislative session and so far, a total of 427 bills have been introduced. This update highlights several bills of interest to the Colorado fire service. A summary of all bills the CSFCA is tracking, their status, and the association position is attached.

**HB07-1008      Concerning Workers' Compensation Coverage for Firefighters who Contract Certain Types of Cancer.** (Cerbo)

**Assignment:** House Business Affairs and Labor

**Position:** Monitor

**Bill Summary:** Requires that, under the "Workers' Compensation Act of Colorado", if a firefighter contracts cancer of the brain, skin, digestive system, hematological system, or genitourinary system, the condition or impairment shall be deemed to have occurred within the course and scope of employment unless a physical examination of such firefighter shows evidence of such condition or impairment that preexisted employment. Requires any denial of a claim arising under this act to be supported by clear and convincing medical evidence that the cause of the condition or impairment is unrelated to the firefighter's employment.

**Update:** On February 1, 2007, HB07-1008 was heard by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee. At the conclusion of the approximately 2-1/2 hour hearing, the Committee Chair, Rep. Rosemary Marshall took the Bill off the table, without action. The Bill will be put back on the calendar at a later date, at which time additional testimony will be allowed and action will likely be taken.

The following is a summary of the testimony:

Testifying in support of the HB 1008 were Littleton Division Chief Ray Rahne, representing the Colorado Professional Fire Fighters Association (CPFFA); Craig Coultas, a Board Member of the Cunningham Fire Protection District and a career fire captain; representing the District and himself; Dr. Erika Olson of Johns Hopkins representing the IAFF; and an attorney that represented a claimants attorney association (I did not get his name or the name of the association).

Chief Rahne testified to his experience with exposures to carcinogens and the Littleton firefighters that have died from (a total of 3) or have suffered from cancer. He also testified as to the claims denied by Workers' Compensation and the fact that firefighters simply do not seek a claim as they are told not to waste their time because their claim will be denied.

Cpt. Coultas testified about his own personal battle with cancer, and advised the committee that the Board of Directors of the Cunningham Fire Protection District had passed a resolution in support of HB 1008.

Dr. Erika Olson gave exhaustive testimony of the cancer risk to firefighters, based in large part on the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's analysis of 32 previous studies covering 110,000 firefighters. Their study, published in the November 2006 issue of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, sought to quantitatively and qualitatively determine the cancer risk to firefighters.

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**Firefighter Presumptive Cancer Coverage** (continued)

The claimants' attorney testified to the difficulty of representing a firefighter with a cancer claim against Workers' Compensation. He testified that, unless a firefighter is able to pinpoint the exact incident they were on, and the carcinogen they were exposed to that caused their cancer, their Worker's Comp claim will be denied.

Testifying against the Bill were Marsha Benshoof, the Business Manager for Pinnacol Assurance; Dr. Mark Frank, the Medical Director for Pinnacol Assurance; and Kevin Bommer, representing the Colorado Municipal League.

Ms. Benshoof testified that the Bill would set several dangerous precedence's; that it is a broad-based shift of the burden of proof, a shift from health care to Workers' Comp, and will result in other industries asking for the same type of presumptive coverage. She testified that the Bill will have significant fiscal impact, citing the cost of cancer screening alone is \$10-15 billion nationally.

Ms. Benshoof testified that since 1962 there were 94 cancer claims made to Pinnacol, and none of them were from firefighters (Note: her testimony was not clear if these were paid claims or applications for benefits).

Ms. Benshoof testified that the Bill does not exclude volunteer firefighters; that Pinnacol charges less for volunteer firefighters (according to her testimony volunteer fire departments are charged 360 to 420% less than what is otherwise indicated) and if the Bill passes they will not be able to provide this cost relief. She cited the example of one volunteer fire department which would realize a premium increase from the current \$11,000 to \$42,000 to provide coverage if the Bill passes.

Note: It appeared that the Bill Sponsor, Rep. Cerbo, was surprised that Workers' Comp. treated volunteers as employees, and it was evident it was not his intent that the Bill did so. When asked, Ms. Benshoof testified that the volunteer fire departments would rather be excluded from the bill. For these reasons, I expect that we will see an amendment to exclude volunteer firefighters from the bill.

Dr. Mark Frank testified that Workers' Comp had the obligation to pay a claim if there is a reasonable degree of medical probability that a relationship exists between the illness or injury and the job. But, he said the studies the IAFF cited in their testimony were flawed and could not be used to conclude a relationship between firefighting and cancer risk.

Kevin Bommer, while acknowledging the service to their communities and risks taken by firefighters, he expressed CML's opposition to the Bill. He indicated CML's opposition was based on the public policy issue, that a single class of employees should not receive favorable treatment. He said that if the data demonstrates conclusively that firefighters have a higher risk of cancer, these same studies should support Workers' Comp claims. Mr. Bommer also expressed concern over the potential fiscal impact of the legislation.

Mr. Bommer was the last person to testify before the Bill was taken off the table.

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**CSFCA Board Votes to Support HB 1008**

At it's meeting of February 2, 2007, following the first committee hearing on this Bill, the Board of Directors of the CSFCA voted to support HB07-1008, with certain amendments.

The reason for our support is simple – it is the right thing to do. Firefighters are at a significantly higher risk of developing certain cancers than the general public and people in other professions whom are more likely to have otherwise healthy individuals. Firefighters are twice as likely to develop testicular cancer and are substantially more likely to develop non-Hodgkins lymphoma, prostate cancer and multiple myeloma.

Unfortunately, there is no middle ground on this issue. Either certain types of cancer are to be considered an occupational disease because of the increased risk associated with the firefighting profession, or they are not.

Yet, in order to satisfy the Workers' Compensation standard of proof that there is a "reasonable degree of medical probability" of a relationship between a firefighters' cancer and chemical exposures on the job, the firefighter must be able to prove when the specific exposure occurred that resulted in the cancer.

The critical compensation issue is whether a general presumption of risk for certain types of cancers can be made for all firefighters, based on either the single instance or cumulative effect of exposure to known carcinogenic chemicals. The CSFCA Board believes that the available research proves a direct correlation between the chemical exposures firefighters experience on the job and their increased risk for certain types of cancer. By their testimony, it is clear that this evidence is largely ignored by Pinnacol Assurance, Colorado's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance.

In supporting the measure, the CSFCA Board noted there is need for additional research to determine the correlation between chemical exposures experienced by firefighters on the job and other types of cancers, as well as to evaluate the cancer risk in female firefighters. There is also need for better information on the types of exposures being experienced by firefighters on the job so that better protective measures can be taken. And, finally there is need for better information on the actual fiscal impact of this measure, particularly on volunteer fire departments.

While cognizant of the potential impact on Workers' Compensation premiums, the CSFCA Board is offering its support to Rep. Cerbo, the Bill's sponsor, toward the goal of enacting presumptive coverage for certain types of cancer. The Board is, however, requesting consideration of amendments that we believe are friendly to the Bill, as follows:

**1. Limit the types of cancers to those that can be supported by research as posing a known or probable higher risk for firefighters, specifically multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, prostate, and testicular cancer.**

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine conducted a review of 32 previous studies covering 110,000 firefighters in order to quantitatively and qualitatively determine the cancer risk. Their study, published in the November 2006 issue of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, concluded that there is an elevated risk for multiple myeloma among firefighters, as well as a probable elevated risk of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, prostate, and testicular cancer.

While the study also reported there were 8 other types of cancer that possibly posed an elevated risk to firefighters, the results were inconclusive.

While supporting Workers' Compensation coverage for those cancers where there is a demonstrated probable relationship to employment (or volunteering) as a firefighter, the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association believes it would be imprudent to support such coverage where the causal relationship is inconclusive or unlikely.

**2. Ensure that the coverage extends equally to volunteer firefighters.**

Approximately 64% of the estimated 15,000+ firefighters in the state serve their communities as volunteers. These volunteer firefighters face the same risks of exposure to carcinogens as their career counterparts.

We realize that Pinnacol Assurance has threatened a 400% increase in premiums on volunteer fire departments if this measure is to pass. We also recognize there may be other implications by extending this coverage to volunteer firefighters. However, the carcinogenic chemicals firefighters are exposed to do not distinguish between career and volunteer firefighters, therefore the presumption should apply to both.

**3. Require that all known future exposures to toxins and carcinogens be reported to an Exposure Reporting System.**

The CSFCA recognizes that many of the toxins and carcinogens encountered by firefighters are during the course of ordinary structural firefighting and that monitoring and sampling does not occur during these incidents. However, even if we limit reporting to known exposures, it may assist an afflicted firefighter in proving exposure in

rebuttable presumption cases. Also, by documenting exposures and their effects, such an exposure reporting system may provide the data necessary for future efforts to better protect our firefighters. The current National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) has a module for reporting firefighter casualties and exposures. Thus, there is no need to develop a new system to implement this requirement.

#### **4. Require on-going periodic physical examination, while still employed by or volunteering as a firefighter.**

The leading cause of on-duty death for firefighters is heart attack (approximately 44 percent annually). Research indicates that, of the firefighters who die of heart attacks on the job, about 75% have known or detectable heart conditions (U.S. Firefighter Fatalities Due to Sudden Cardiac Death, 1995 – 2004, National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA, June 2005).

By requiring on-going periodic physical examination (at an interval of no more than three years, while the individual is still employed or volunteering as a firefighter), not only might we have earlier detection of cancer, but it may also serve to impact the leading cause of on-duty death of firefighters.

Any member having input on this, or any other legislative issue, should contact their representative on the Board of Directors, or forward your input to the Association's Executive Director.

Note: For a copy of the report, *Cancer Risk Among Firefighters: A Review and Meta-analysis of 32 Studies*, go to: [http://www.nycosh.org/specific\\_industries/Firefighters&cancerJOEM2006.pdf](http://www.nycosh.org/specific_industries/Firefighters&cancerJOEM2006.pdf).

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### **Bill Would Turn Workers' Comp System Upside Down for One Class of Employee**

Colorado Municipal League Issues Update, January 31, 2007

HB 07-1008, sponsored by Rep. Mike Cerbo (D-Denver) on behalf of the firefighters' union, creates a presumptive eligibility that certain cancers in firefighters are work-related. CML – joined by the Colorado Self-Insurers Association (CSIA), the Quality Healthcare Coalition, Pinnacol Assurance, and the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) – opposes HB 07-1008 because the bill:

- **Turns the workers' comp system on its head** by creating a presumptive eligibility for one class of work for a very complicated disease.
- **Does NOT use any current science** with direct correlations to conclusively connect firefighting to cancer in any way close to a standard necessary to create presumptive eligibility.
- **Relies on inconclusive studies** to create a nearly absolute guarantee of workers' comp coverage for any cancer case.
- **Opens the door** for employees in other higher-risk jobs to demand presumptive eligibility and further impact the workers' comp system.
- **Completely excludes from consideration other types of carcinogens** or naturally-occurring forms of cancer.

HB 1008 creates a presumptive eligibility that certain types of cancer in firefighters occur in the normal course and scope of duties. The presumption may only be rebutted by an employer with "clear and convincing evidence" that the cancer was caused by some other, non work-related factor. This reverses the basic principal of comp that the worker has the burden to prove that his or her injury is work-related.

Studies provided by the proponents, in addition to those found independently are inconclusive or incomplete. The Department of Homeland Security's US Fire Administration notes "there is as yet no mechanism for identifying on-



While we do not hold much hope for HB 1153 making it out of Appropriations Committee, any additional input on the issue, particularly from our volunteer and combination fire chiefs, would be appreciated.

**SB07-043      Concerning An Exemption From Civil Liability For Certain Health Care Providers Who Render Emergency Assistance To Persons Injured In Scholastically Sponsored Competitive Sports** (Mitchell, Todd)

**Assignment:** House Judiciary

**Position:** Support

**Bill Summary:** Exempts from civil liability certain licensed health care providers who, in good faith and without compensation, render emergency care or emergency assistance, including sideline or on-field care as a team health care provider, to an individual injured from engaging in a competitive sport sponsored by a school, college, or university.

**Update:** This Bill was heard in Senate Judiciary Committee on January 24, 2007. Chief Jerry Rhodes of the Cunningham Fire Protection District, testified on behalf of the CSFCA. On urging from the CSFCA, the sponsor (Sen. Mitchell) agreed to an amendment to include Paramedics, EMT's and EMT-I's to those covered by the bill, since the Good Samaritan Act does not apply to persons who render emergency care to a patient they are obligated to provide care for.

The Bill was amended in committee to include any person who is licensed as a health care provider under Title 12, C.R.S. and to extend the applicability to any league, club, or organization that promotes sporting events. Since EMT's are not licensed under Title 12, but certified under Title 25, the Bill was amended on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to address this. The Bill was also amended on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading to state the intent is to clarify and not to expand or limit the scope of the Good Samaritan Act. The Bill passed 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading in the Senate on January 30<sup>th</sup> and was introduced in the House.

SB 043 has calendared to be heard by the House Judiciary Committee on February 14, 2007, upon adjournment from the floor.

**HB07-1092      Concerning the Authority of County Governments to Regulate Fireworks.** (Cerbo)

**Assignment:** House Local Government

**Position:** Support

**Bill Summary:** Authorizes the board of county commissioners of a county to prohibit or restrict the sale, use, and possession of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county. Prohibits a county from permitting or authorizing the sale, use, or possession of fireworks in violation of state fireworks laws.

**Update:** HB 1092 has been calendared to be heard by House Local Government Committee on Thursday, February 8, 2007, upon adjournment in Room 0111.

Please contact the members of House Local Government Committee and express your support for this bill as soon as possible. The members of House Local Government Committee are:

Rep. Mary Hodge, Chair (mary.hodge.house@state.co.us)  
Rep. Wes McKinley, Vice-Chair (wes.mckinley.house@state.co.us)  
Rep. Kathleen Curry (kathleen.curry.house@state.co.us)  
Rep. Sara Gagliardi (sara.gagliardi.house@state.co.us)  
Rep. Bob Gardner (bob.gardner.house@state.co.us)  
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Rep. Robert Witwer (rob.witwer.house@state.co.us)

**SB07-007**      **Concerning the Qualification as a Volunteer Firefighter for Purposes of a Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan.** (Taylor, Witwer)**Assignment:** Senate Business, Labor and Technology**Position:** Support

**Bill Summary:** In the case of a municipality or district volunteer firefighter pension plan, modifies the existing definition of a "volunteer firefighter". Identifies additional types of benefits and payments that are excluded from the definition of "compensation".

**Update:** SB 007 has been calendared to be heard by Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, upon adjournment, in room 354.

Please contact the members of Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee and express your support for this bill as soon as possible. The members of Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee are:

Sen. Jennifer Veiga, Chair (jennifer.veiga.senate@state.co.us)  
Sen. Lois Tochtrop, Vice-Chair (lois.tochtrop.senate@state.co.us)  
Sen. Ken Kester (ken.kester.senate@state.co.us)  
Sen. Gail Schwartz (gail.schwartz.senate@state.co.us)  
Sen. Stephanie Takis (stephanie.takis.senate@state.co.us)  
Sen. Jack Taylor (Capitol: 303-866-5292)  
Sen. Tom Wiens (tom@tomwiens.com)

**HB07-1031**      **Concerning Length of Service Awards for Bona Fide Volunteers who Provide Qualified Emergency Services.** (Witwer, Tochtrop)**Assignment:** Senate Local Government**Position:** Support

**Bill Summary:** Specifies that a governing body of an emergency service provider may adopt and administer a volunteer service award plan for bona fide volunteers who provide qualified emergency services so long as the plan is in compliance with federal internal revenue requirements. If the governing body of an emergency service provider establishes such an award plan, requires the governing body to invest the public moneys held to pay the awards pursuant to existing law governing the investment of such public moneys.

**Update:** HB 1031, sponsored by Rep. Rob Witwer, passed out of House Local Government Committee, on January 18<sup>th</sup> with a unanimous 11-0 vote. The Bill was amended in Committee to it clear, that nothing precludes an emergency services provider from adopting incentive programs other than IRS Section 457 (e) (11) Length of Service Award Programs to assist volunteers. See the Legislative Update Email of January 18, 2007 for a summary of the Committee testimony.

HB 1031 passed 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading in the House on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and was introduced in the Senate. It has been calendared to be heard by Senate Local Government Committee on Tuesday February 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 353.

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For comments or questions concerning this Legislative Update, contact Paul L. Cooke, CSFCA Executive Director at (720) 847-8116 or [paul@coloradofirechiefs.org](mailto:paul@coloradofirechiefs.org).

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Bills of Interest**

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HB07-1006	House: Weissmann Senate: None	House Transportation & Energy	Concerning An Increase In The Penalty For A Moving Traffic Violation Committed While The Driver Is Distracted	Defines driving while knowingly distracted as an act of willfully diverting attention from the driving of a vehicle to another activity to the extent that the diversion of attention contributes to the commission of a moving traffic violation. "Knowingly distracted" includes, but is not limited to: cell phone use; headphone or headset use; use of an electronic device such as a computer, recorder, or digital music player; grooming; reading; eating; and drinking.	House Transportation & Energy Postpone Indefinitely	Intro: 1/10 Heard: 1/23/07 Pl'd	Amend
HB07-1008	House: Cerbo Senate: None	House Business Affairs and Labor	Concerning Workers' Compensation Coverage For Firefighters Who Contract Certain Types Of Cancer.	Requires that, under the "Workers' Compensation Act of Colorado", if a firefighter contracts cancer of the brain, skin, digestive system, hematological system, or genitourinary system, the condition or impairment shall be deemed to have occurred within the course and scope of employment unless a physical examination of such firefighter shows evidence of such condition or impairment that preexisted employment.		Intro: 1/10 2/1 Witness Testimony Only	Amend & Support
HB07-1029	Senate: Tochtrop House: McGihon	Senate Local Government	Concerning Disability And Survivor Benefits For Members Of The Fire And Police Pension Association	Modifies the definition of "dependent child" to include any child under the age of 23, regardless of whether he or she is married or a student. Changes how the income offset is calculated for permanent occupational disabilities.	13 Feb 2007 02:00 PM Room 353	Intro: 1/10 Passed Amended To Floor: 1/18 Passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1/22 Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading: 1/23	Monitor
HB07-1030	Senate: Taylor House: Riesberg	Senate Finance	Concerning The Timing Of Contribution Deposits For Plans Administered By The Fire And Police Pension Association	Requires all contribution deposits for police officers' and firefighters' new hire pension plans and the statewide death and disability plan to be made 10 days following the payment of salary to the member, regardless of whether a member is paid more than once per month.	None	Intro: 1/10 Passed To Floor: 1/18 Passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1/22 Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading: 1/23	Monitor

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HB07-1031	Senate: Tochtrop House: Witwer	Senate Local Government	Concerning Length Of Service Awards For Bona Fide Volunteers Who Provide Qualified Emergency Services	Specifies that a governing body of an emergency service provider may adopt and administer an IRS 457 (e) (1) length of service award plan for bona fide volunteers who provide qualified emergency services.	13 Feb 2007 02:00 PM Room 353	Intro: 1/10 Passed Amended To Floor: 1/18 Passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1/22 Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading: 1/23	Support
HB07-1044	House: McFadyen Senate: Williams	House Health and Human Services	Concerning Protective Services For At Risk Adults	Requires an individual from a specified group of persons (including fire protection personnel) to make an oral report within 24 hours if he or she has observed mistreatment, self-neglect, or financial exploitation of an at-risk adult or has reasonable cause to believe that an at-risk adult has been mistreated, self-neglected, or financially exploited or is at imminent risk of mistreatment, self-neglect, or financial exploitation.		Intro: 1/10 1/29 Witness Testimony Only	Amend & Support
HB07-1078	House: Soper Senate: None	House Local Government	Concerning The Authority Of A County To License Persons Engaging In The Business Of Being A Contractor With The County.	Authorizes any county in the state to establish a licensing program to require a person who engages in the business of being a building contractor within the county to obtain a license from the county prior to engaging in the business.	05 Feb 2007 House 2nd Reading 09:00 AM	Intro: 1/10 1/30 Pass Amended to House Committee of the Whole	Fire Marshals Support
HB07-1092	House: Cerbo Senate: None	House Local Government	Concerning The Authority Of County Governments To Regulate Fireworks.	Authorizes the board of county commissioners of a county to prohibit or restrict the sale, use, and possession of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county. Prohibits a county from permitting or authorizing the sale, use, or possession of fireworks in violation of state fireworks laws.	08 Feb 2007 Upon Adjournment Room 0111	Intro: 1/10	Support
HB07-1110	House: Lambert Senate: None	House Local Government	Concerning Remedies For The Owner Of Private Real Property For Diminution In The Value Of The Property Caused By Land Use Regulations Imposed By Public Entities.	Where a public entity enacts or enforces land use regulations that diminishes the fair market value of privately owned real property, requires the public entity to either provide just compensation to the owner of the real property or exempt the owner from the land use regulation.	House Local Government, Postpone Indefinitely	Intro: 1/15 1/30 Pl'd	Monitor

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HB07-1117	House: Primavera Senate: None	House Transportation & Energy	Concerning The Requirement That A Protective Helmet Be Worn By A Person Under Eighteen Years Of Age During The Operation Of Certain Vehicles.	Requires a person under 18 years of age who is an operator of a motorcycle or motorized bicycle and a person under 18 years of age who is a passenger on a motorcycle or motorized bicycle to wear a protective helmet that is designed according to certain specifications.	6 Feb 07 1:30 p.m. Room 0107	Intro: 1/15	Support
HB07-1152	House: Stafford Senate: None	House Local Government	Concerning The Authorization Of Special Districts Organized 32, Colorado Revised Statutes, To Impose Under Title Impact Fees Pursuant To Existing Statutory Provisions Authorizing Such Fees To Be Levied By Other Local Governments.	In connection with the existing grandfather clause authorizing local governments to impose impact fees or other similar development charges prior to a particular date, extends the date to cover specified special districts given the authority to impose such fees or charges under the act.	8 Feb 2007 Upon Adjournment Room 0111	Intro: 1/16	Amend & Support
HB07-1153	House: Witwer Senate: Kopp	House Finance	Concerning A Tax Rebate For Volunteer Firefighters.	For the 2007-08 and 2008-09 fiscal years, allows a qualified volunteer firefighter to apply for a tax rebate through the department of revenue for a specified amount for 2 consecutive years.		Intro: 1/16 1/30 Pass to Appropriations Committee	Support
HB07-1224	House: M. Carroll Senate:	House Business Affairs and Labor	Concerning The Requirement That Certain Insurers Promptly Resolve Insurance Claims	Requires an automobile insurer providing medical payments coverage and a health insurance carrier to pay, deny, or settle clean claims within a specified period after submission to the insurer or carrier.		Intro: 2/01	Monitor
HB07-1230	House: Garcia Senate: Tochtrop	House Business Affairs and Labor	Concerning Claims Practices For Bodily Injury To A Third Party Claimant Arising Out Of The Use Of A Motor Vehicle	Establishes deadlines for an insurer to determine whether its insured is legally liable to, and whether benefits are payable to or on behalf of, an injured third party for bodily injury arising out of the use of a motor vehicle.		Intro: 2/01	Monitor
SB07-007	Senate: Taylor House: Witwer	Senate Business, Labor and Technology	Concerning The Qualification As A Volunteer Firefighter For Purposes Of A Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan	In the case of a municipality or district volunteer firefighter pension plan, modifies the existing definition of a "volunteer firefighter". Identifies additional types of benefits and payments that are excluded from the definition of "compensation".	6 Feb 2007 Upon Adjournment Room 354	Intro: 1/10	Support

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SB07-041	Senate: Schwartz House: None	Senate Education	Concerning the creation of the "Public School Facilities Equity Act" to address the capital construction needs of Colorado public schools.	Requires the advisory committee to propose rules to the state board of education concerning uniform statewide minimum facility and safety standards required to qualify for state funding assistance for school districts in providing adequate facilities. Requires the advisory committee to consider certain factors in developing the standards.		Intro: 1/10 31 Jan, Refer Amended to Appropriations	Monitor
SB07-043	House: Todd Senate: Mitchell	House Judiciary	Concerning An Exemption From Civil Liability For Certain Health Care Providers Who Render Emergency Assistance To Persons Injured In Scholastically Sponsored Competitive Sports.	Exempts from civil liability certain licensed health care providers who, in good faith and without compensation, render emergency care or emergency assistance, including sideline or on-field care as a team health care provider, to an individual injured from engaging in a competitive sport sponsored by a school, college, or university.	14 Feb 2007 Upon Adjournment House Judiciary, Room 0112	Intro: 1/10 Heard: Jan 24, 2007; Passed Amended 1/29 Amended & Passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading 1/30 Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	Support