

2008 Colorado State Legislature Voting Record

State House District 29 - Debbie Benefield (D)

Legislator's Votes on High-Priority Animal-Related Legislation					
Bill or Resolution #	Description	Committee Vote(s)	Floor Vote(s)	CHVL Position(s)	Final outcome of legislation
HB08-1042	Exempts trained animal massage practitioners from the "Colorado Veterinary Practice Act." This means that trained animal massage therapists may not be prosecuted for "practicing veterinary medicine without a license," provided they do not perform veterinary functions such as diagnosing conditions or prescribing drugs.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB08-1149 Co-sponsor	Allows a student to refuse to dissect, vivisect, incubate, capture, or otherwise harm an animal or any part of an animal as part of a classroom education project ("dissection project"). Requires a public school to notify students and parents or legal guardians of any upcoming dissection project. Requires a public school to provide an alternative education project to a student who refuses to participate in a dissection project.	Yes ¹	The vote was a voice vote so there is no record of individual votes	Yes	Killed by the full House of Representatives during a 2nd Reading floor vote
HB08-1185 Co-sponsor	Requires that all dogs & cats adopted from shelters and rescue organizations in Colorado be spayed or neutered.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB08-1200	Establishes criminal penalties for Internet hunting in Colorado. This applies not only to operating an Internet hunting facility (which was already made illegal by rule of the Colorado Wildlife Commission), but also to participating in a "hunt" from a computer located in Colorado.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB08-1304 Co-sponsor	Increases the penalties for killing a bald eagle.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB08-1308	Allows a veterinarian to certify that a required vaccination is dangerous to the life or health of a companion animal, and requires such certification to be accepted in lieu of proof of vaccination for animal licensing purposes. States that licensing authorities may not require rabies vaccination more frequently than once every three years.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
SB08-201	Requires that calves raised for veal and pregnant pigs used by the pork industry be kept in a manner that permits such animals to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of their enclosure.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
SCORES		100%	100%		
Legislator's Overall Score on CHVL's Top-Priority Legislation ~ 100% ~ A (Numeric score is the legislator's score on actual votes. Letter grade reflects overall evaluation.)					

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Legislator's CHVL History

Legislator's overall voting record score in previous years tracked:

2005 ~ 100% (A) | 2006 ~ 100% (A-) | 2007 ~ 100% (A)

Legislator's scores on candidate questionnaires:

2004 ~ 46% | 2006 ~ 46%