

2009 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
HB09-1095	Encourages the resumption of live dog racing in Colorado, by reducing the state tax on pari-mutuel wagering on greyhound racing from 4.5% to 0.75%. Increases the number of simulcast days allowed per year from 250 to 360.	Excused ¹		No	Killed by the House Finance Committee
HB09-1152	Increases the profitability of horse racing in Colorado by authorizing two new methods of conducting pari-mutuel wagering on horse races.	No ¹		No	Killed by the House Finance Committee
HB09-1294	Extends the state income tax checkoff program that benefits the nongame and endangered wildlife fund.	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes	Signed into law
SB09-024	Makes several changes to laws governing how the Division of Wildlife (DOW) responds to landowners' claims of wildlife damage, including making it easier for a landowner to obtain a "kill permit" for wildlife. Provides an incentive for landowners to allow hunting on their property. An amendment added by the House Agriculture Committee would have mandated that the DOW issue kill permits when wildlife damage is "excessive." (This amendment was removed from the final version of the bill.)		Yes	No	Signed into law
SB09-118	Re-authorizes the "Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act" (PACFA), a licensing and inspection program for various facilities that house or handle "pet" animals. Raises facility license fees by a sufficient amount to hire an additional PACFA inspector. Adds rats and gerbils to the definition of "pet" animal. Requires licensed facilities to publicly post the contact information for the department that enforces PACFA. Expands the PACFA advisory committee to include a representative from the dog daycare industry. Changes the next sunset review date for the act to 2014.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law

SCORES

100%

67%

Legislator's Overall Score on CHVL's Top-Priority Legislation ~ 80% ~ B

(Numeric score is the legislator's score on actual votes. Letter grade reflects overall evaluation.)

1. House Committee on Finance

Legislator's CHVL History

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

2005 ~ 100% (A) | 2006 ~ 100% (A-) | 2007 ~ 100% (A) | 2008 ~ 100% (A)

Legislator's scores on candidate questionnaires:

2004 ~ 46% | 2006 ~ 46% | 2008 ~ 54%