

2009 Colorado State Legislature Voting Record

State Senate District 5 - Gail Schwartz (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
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.)		No (this vote was to repass the bill after House changes)	No	Signed into law
SB09-027	Requires the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Division of Wildlife to give a higher priority in their administration of the state's predator-control laws to the protection of "human safety" from coyotes in wild land-urban interface areas and in habitat corridors within developed areas.	No ¹		No	Killed by the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
SB09-118 Co-sponsor	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 ¹	Yes; Yes (2nd vote was to repass the bill after House changes)	Yes	Signed into law
SJR09-048 Sponsor	Resolves that the Colorado General Assembly supports the protection and restoration of Colorado's shortgrass prairie ecosystem.		Yes	Yes	Passed in Senate; never voted on by House
HB09-1294 Sponsor	Extends the state income tax checkoff program that benefits the nongame and endangered wildlife fund.		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.)					

1. Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Legislator's CHVL History

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

2007 ~ 89% (B+) | 2008 ~ 100% (A+)

Legislator's scores on candidate questionnaires:

2006 ~ Did not respond | 2008 ~ Not up for re-election