



Colorado General Assembly

Voting Scores

2011 Regular Session

CHVL works on animal-related legislation. This report lists legislators' scores for the 2011 regular legislative session. The numerical score is the legislator's score on actual votes. The letter grade is our overall assessment of the legislator's performance; we considered votes, sponsorship or co-sponsorship of legislation that CHVL supported or opposed, and how well the legislator works with CHVL.

NOTE: *The scores don't tell the whole story!* Sometimes a legislator is either more or less animal-friendly than the score indicates. This is particularly true this session as there were very few votes used for scoring.

HB-1039 Steer Tailing

Position: **Support**; **Outcome:** died in committee.
 Would have altered the state's cruelty statute to prohibit the rodeo events of steer tailing (catching & dragging a steer by the tail) and horse tripping (roping a running horse by the legs).

HB-1063 Cruelty Law Enforcement

Position: **Oppose**; **Outcome:** died in committee.
 This bill would have made it more difficult and expensive for animal protection organizations to enforce animal cruelty laws and to remove animals from abusive situations.

HB-1151 Service Animals

Position: **Support**; **Outcome:** signed into law.
 Requires a person who injures or kills a service animal to pay restitution for veterinary bills and/or "replacement" cost of the animal.

HB-1294 Bear Hunting

Position: **Oppose**; **Outcome:** deemed lost.
 Would have overturned Colorado's 1992 voter-initiated ban on spring bear hunting. The bill passed on second reading but a final vote was never held.
NOTE: *two legislators initially voted for the bill on second reading but decided to change their votes. The bill died partly due to their opposition. We adjusted their letter grades to reflect this.*

SB-009 Costs of Impoundment

Position: **Support**; **Outcome:** passed Senate but was withdrawn by the house sponsor.
 Would have clarified the law regarding seizure of animals in cruelty cases, and established deadlines that attempt to minimize the amount of time these animals must spend in a shelter pending resolution of a court case.

KEY: ✓ = Pro-animal vote; ✗ = anti-animal vote; S = Bill sponsor; * = Co-sponsor; e = excused

Bill Number			HB-1039	HB-1063	HB-1151	HB-1294	SB-009	Score	Letter Grade	
			Steer Tailing	Cruelty Enforcement	Service Animals	Bear Hunting	Costs of Impoundment			
Colorado State Representatives	Party	District	Committee vote	Committee vote	Committee	Floor vote	Committee	Floor vote	No House vote	
			Acree, Cindy	R	40			✓	✓	
Balmer, David	R	39				✓		✗	50%	F
Barker, Mark	R	17				✓		✗	50%	D-
Baumgardner, Randy	R	57	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗*	50%	F
Becker, Jon	R	63				✓		✗	50%	F
Beezley, Don	R	33				✓		✗	50%	F
Bradford, Laura	R	55			✓	✓		✗*	67%	D-
Brown, J. Paul	R	59	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗S	50%	F
Casso, Edward	D	32				✓		✓	100%	A-
Conti, Kathleen	R	38				✓*		✗ see note	50%	A
Coram, Don	R	58	✗	✓		✓	✗	✗*	40%	F
Court, Lois	D	6				✓*		✓	100%	A
DelGrosso, Brian	R	51				✓		✗	50%	F

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Colorado State Representatives continued			Steer Tailing	Cruelty Enforcement	Service Animals	Bear Hunting	Costs of Impoundment			
Party	District	Committee vote	Committee vote	Committee	Floor vote	Committee	Floor vote			
Duran, Crisanta	D 5				✓		✓		100%	A-
Ferrandino, Mark	D 2				✓		✓		100%	A-
Fields, Rhonda	D 42			e	✓*		✓		100%	A
Fischer, Randy	D 53	✓	✓		✓*	✓	✓	S	100%	A+
Gardner Deb	D 11				✓		✓		100%	B
Gardner, Bob	R 21				✓		✗*	*	50%	F
Gerou, Cheri	R 25				✓		✓		100%	A-
Hamner, Millie	D 56				✓S		✓		100%	A+
Holbert, Chris	R 44				✓		✗*		50%	F
Hullingshorst, Dickey Lee	D 10				✓*		✓		100%	A
Jones, Matt	D 12	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		100%	A-
Joshi, Janak	R 14			✓	✓*		✗*		67%	D
Kagan, Daniel	D 3				✓		✓		100%	A-
Kefalas, John	D 52			✓	✓		✓		100%	A-
Kerr, Andrew "Andy"	D 26				✓		✓		100%	A-
Kerr, James "Jim"	R 28			✓	✓		✗		67%	D
Labuda, Jeanne	D 1				✓*		✓		100%	A
Lee, Sanford "Pete"	D 18				✓*		✓		100%	A
Levy, Claire	D 13				✓*		✓		100%	A
Liston, Larry	R 16				✓		✗		50%	F
Looper, Marsha	R 19	✗	✓		✓	✗	✗*		40%	F
Massey, Tom	R 60			e	✓		✗*		50%	F
McCann, Beth	D 8	S		✓	✓		✓		100%	A+
McKinley, Wes	D 64	✗	✗S		✓	✗	✗*		20%	F
McNulty, Frank	R 43				✓		✗		50%	F
Miklosi, Joe	D 9				✓*		✓		100%	A
Murray, Carole	R 45				✓*		✗*		50%	F
Nikkel, B.J.	R 49				✓		✗		50%	F
Pabon, Dan	D 4				✓*		✓		100%	A
Pace, Sal	D 46				✓*		✓		100%	A
Peniston, Cheryl	D 35			✓	✓*		✓		100%	A
Priola, Kevin	R 30				✓*		✗		50%	D-
Ramirez, Robert	R 29				✓*		✗		50%	D-
Riesberg, Jim	D 50			✓	✓		✓		100%	A-
Ryden, Su	D 36	✗	✓		✓*	✓	✓		80%	B+
Schafer, Sue	D 24			✓	✓*		✓		100%	A
Scott, Ray	R 54	✗	✓		✓*	✗	✗		40%	F
Solano, Judy	D 31				✓*		✓		50%	D-
Sonnenberg, Jerry	R 65	✗	✓		✓	✗	✗*		40%	F
Soper, John	D 34				✓		✗ see note		50%	A-
Stephens, Amy	R 20				✓		✗		50%	F
Summers, Ken	R 22			✓	✓		✗		67%	D
Swalm, Spencer	R 37				✓		✗		50%	F
Swerdfeger, Keith	R 47				✓		✗		50%	F
Szabo, Libby	R 27				✓		✓		100%	A-
Todd, Nancy	D 41				✓*		✓		100%	A
Tyler, Max	D 23				✓*		✓		100%	A
Vaad, Glenn	R 48	✗	✓		✓	✗	✗		40%	F
Vigil, Edward	D 62	✓	✓		✓*	✓	✓		100%	A
Waller, Mark	R 15				✓		✗		50%	F
Williams Angela	D 7				✓*		✓		100%	A
Wilson, Roger Ben	D 61	✓	✓		✓*	✓	✓		100%	A

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Colorado State Senators			Steer Tailing	Cruelty Enforcement	Service Animals	Bear Hunting	Costs of Impoundment				
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Aguilar, Irene	D 32			✓	✓*			✓	100%	A	
Bacon, Bob	D 14				✓			e	100%	A-	
Boyd, Betty	D 21				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Brophy, Greg	R 1				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Cadman, Bill	R 10			✓	✓	*		✓	100%	B+	
Carroll, Morgan	D 29				✓*		e	✓	100%	A	
Foster, Joyce	D 35			✓	✓		✓	✓	100%	A-	
Giron, Angela	D 3				✓*			✓	100%	A	
Grantham, Kevin	R 2				✓	*		✓	100%	B+	
Guzman, Lucia	D 34				✓*		✓	✓*	100%	A	
Harvey, Ted	R 30				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Heath, Rollie	D 18				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Hodge, Mary	D 25				✓*			✓	100%	A	
Hudak, Evie	D 19				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Jahn, Cheri	D 20				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Johnston, Michael	D 33				✓			✓	100%	A-	
King, Keith	R 12				✓	*		✓	100%	B+	
King, Steve	R 7				✓*	*	✓	✓	100%	A-	
Kopp, Mike	R 22				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Lambert, Kent	R 9				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Lundberg, Kevin	R 15				e		✓	✓	100%	A-	
Mitchell, Shawn	R 23				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Morse, John	D 11				✓*			✓	100%	A	
Newell, Linda	D 26				✓*		✓	✓	100%	A	
Nicholson, Jeanne	D 16			✓	✓S		✓	✓	100%	A+	
Renfroe, Scott	R 13				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Roberts, Ellen	R 6			✓	✓	*	e	✓	100%	B+	
Scheffel, Mark	R 4				✓	*	e	✓	100%	B+	
Schwartz, Gail	D 5				✓*			✓	100%	A	
Shaffer, Brandon	D 17				✓			✓	100%	A-	
Spence, Nancy	R 27				✓	*		✓	100%	B+	
Steadman, Pat	D 31				✓*			✓S	100%	A+	
Tochtrop, Lois	D 24				✓*			✓	100%	A	
White, Jean	R 8				✓	S		✓	100%	B	
Williams Suzanne	D 28				✓*			✓	100%	A	

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