



2008 NCLA Accomplishments

Labor

- Pass HB 08-1189 to prohibit employees in the state personnel system from striking.
- Amend SB 08-122 making it an unfair labor practice to punish employees for discussing wages so that it does not confer broader rights to workers than the National Labor Relations Act.
- Kill SB 08-164 which would have raised the ceiling on non-economic damages in medical malpractice cases and removed physical impairment and disfigurement from the non-economic damages classification.

Economic Development

- Pass HB 08-1001 directing millions of dollars from the state's Limited Gaming Fund toward the Bioscience Research Grant Program.
- Pass HB 08-1225 increasing the business personal property tax exemption from \$2,500 up to \$7,000 by 2012 and increasing with inflation thereafter.
- Kill HB 08-1258 that would have empowered county assessors to audit the property and books and adjust tax returns of businesses suspected of filing incorrect returns.
- Pass HB 08-1325 to expedite the federal H2A visa certification process, allowing up to 4,000 temporary foreign agricultural workers into the state within four years.

Education

- Pass HB 08-1002 to allow Colorado State University and Mesa State University to manage and invest their respective assets.
- Pass HB 08-1168 to incorporate financial literacy into high school math standards.
- Kill HB 08-1357 that would have eliminated several CSAP tests.
- Pass SB 08-89 that allows schools to use up to 15% of their special education funding on identifying and helping previously undiagnosed students with special needs, especially in grades K-3.
- Pass SB 08-130 that gives schools more control over their hiring, budgets and curricula, even allowing schools to opt out of collective bargaining agreements.
- Pass SB 08-218 that directs excess revenues in federal mineral leases paid to the state to fund additional higher education capital construction projects.