



The Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce 2011 Legislative Agenda

*The Chamber's Legislative Watch Council (LWC),
comprised of business leaders and regional advocates,
meets every Friday during the 120 day legislative session to
track, monitor, discuss and advocate for or against bills that
have an impact on the vibrancy of our Pikes Peak area business community.*

2011 LWC Proactive Policy and Legislative Agenda

Regulatory Reform – assist state government in implementing best practices that create a rich environment for business to succeed by providing critical jobs, goods and services for the region.

Colorado's Military Assets – ensure that Colorado is known as a “Military Friendly” state, reinforcing our national security role and the military's important contributions to Colorado's economy.

Education – continue building a strong, educated workforce, to ensure business success. Identify ways in which educational opportunities can provide better alternatives than other demands that place a drain on the state budget and require more revenue from business.

International Development—identify legislative vehicles to promote public policy that encourages exports to other countries, capitalizing on consumer opportunities outside the United States.

Sports Economy—promote the region's unique outdoor playground and sports economy and look for pivotal moments to implement policies that make the most of the region's potential to become the outdoor and amateur sports center/hub.

Priority Focus Areas to Monitor for Impact to Business

- Job Creation/Economic Development
- Energy Development
- Small Business
- Health Care
- Transportation
- Taxes/Regulation/Mandates

Legislative Core Values

- Advance a strong business climate;
- Ensure a quality workforce;
- Monitor impacts of state budget to business;
- Work with El Paso Delegation towards a united strategic direction; and
- Identify Opportunities for the Region

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