# **Family Affordability Tax Credit**

## Vote yes on HB 24-1311

## WHY VOTE YES?

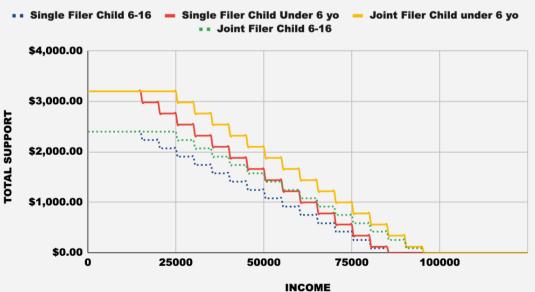
At a time when Colorado has become unaffordable for most families, HB-1311 harnesses a portion of our \$1.8B in TABOR surplus — projected to grow in future years - to cut child poverty in half and put more money in the hands of 45% of Colorado families, including those making up to \$95K a year.

## WHAT DOES HB-1311 DO?

Families with kids 5 & under who get the Child Tax Credit & Family Affordability Tax Credit will receive \$4,400 per child. And for the first time, Families with kids up to 16 making under \$15K (single filer) & 25K (joint filer) will receive \$2,400 per child. Families making up to \$95K would also benefit on a sliding scale.

## WHO DOES HB-1311 BENEFIT?

#### **Per Child Payment by Income**



**400K** KIDS benefit from HB-1311

50% REDUCTION

in child poverty rate

provided by HB-1311

45% OF FAMILIES across Colorado benefit from HB-1311



# Why HB-1311 Works for Colorado families

## And Why Now

#### **#I ISSUE COLORADO FAMILIES FACE: RISING COSTS**

The Colorado Health Foundation reports <u>cost of living is the top issue facing Coloradans</u> today.

#### FAMILY TAX CREDITS ARE PROVEN & POPULAR

Extensive research, including a 2022 report from the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), has shown <u>refundable tax credits are effective in helping families meet essential needs</u>, create greater stability and move out of poverty. The Economic Security Project also found <u>refundable tax credits have significant bipartisan support</u>, as they provide families autonomy to address a variety of rising costs.

#### HALVING CHILD POVERTY & MAKING COLORADO A LEADER

HB-I3II would cut Colorado's child poverty rate in half, according to the same ITEP report. This would result in our child poverty rate becoming the third-lowest in the U.S., signaling to the nation that Colorado is a great place to raise kids and an exemplary model for other states to follow.

### A PRUDENT USE OF TABOR REFUNDS

TABOR refunds won't be taxed this year, but <u>the IRS has made it clear they intend to make flat-tax</u> <u>refunds taxable income</u>, meaning Colorado could lose as much as one-third of our TABOR surplus to federal taxes. We can make a change to preserve more of those funds for Coloradans now.



### **BROAD COALITION OF SUPPORT**

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