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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING TAX INCENTIVES TO MAXIMIZE INVESTMENTS IN
102	SEMICONDUCTOR AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING IN
103	COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING
104	THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO APPROVE
105	REFUND CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN INCOME TAX CREDITS,
106	CREATING A SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING ZONE
107	PROGRAM, MODIFYING THE COLORADO JOB GROWTH INCENTIVE
108	TAX CREDIT FOR SEMICONDUCTOR AND ADVANCED
109	MANUFACTURING, AND CREATING AN ADVANCED INDUSTRIES
110	TASK FORCE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does

not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <u>http://leg.colorado.gov</u>.)

The bill creates new and modifies existing state tax incentives to maximize federal government funding for taxpayers engaged in semiconductor and advanced manufacturing in Colorado. Section 1 of the bill creates a refund mechanism, available from fiscal year 2023-24 through fiscal year 2028-29, that allows a taxpayer engaged in semiconductor or advanced manufacturing to apply for conditional approval of one or more types of income tax credits based on a specified project in the state and includes the maximum amount of credit for which the taxpayer may claim a refund of 80%. The income tax credit types that may be the basis for such a refund are:

- The three enterprise zone credits for qualified investments, business facility employees, and expenditures for research and experimental activities;
- The Colorado job growth incentive income tax credit; and
- Three semiconductor manufacturing zone (CHIPS zone) credits for qualified investments, business facility employees, and expenditures for research and experimental activities, which zones are created in **Section 5**.

Semiconductor and advanced manufacturers must apply to the Colorado economic development commission (commission) for a refund certificate approving their project and setting the maximum amount of income tax credits that the manufacturer may claim as a refund in connection with the project. Approved projects must timely commence and credits must be earned within twelve years of approval by the commission. In reviewing applications, the commission must prioritize taxpayers engaged in semiconductor or advanced manufacturing that have received or applied to receive matching funds under the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021", the "Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act of 2022" (CHIPS Act), or other similar federal legislation.

The total amount of all refund certificates approved by the commission cannot exceed \$15 million per fiscal year; except that, if less than \$15 million is approved at the end of any fiscal year, the remaining amount is available for approval in the next fiscal year. The total amount of all refund certificates approved by the commission for all fiscal years from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2029, cannot exceed \$75 million.

Section 2 creates, within the office of economic development (office), a temporary task force comprised of state legislators, representatives of the office, and citizens with industry experience to study the effectiveness of financial incentives and other resources intended to attract and promote the development of advanced manufacturing and other science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) companies in Colorado during the 2023 legislative interim. The task force is required to report its findings to the general assembly and the governor by a specified date.

Sections 3 through 5 amend the enterprise zone income tax credits for qualified investments, business facility employees, and research and experimental activities to incorporate the refund mechanism created in section 1.

Section 6 creates the CHIPS zone tax credit program. Similar to the enterprise zone tax credit program, a local government may propose an area for designation as a CHIPS zone, which designation may promote the local economy through incentivizing businesses to locate in the area. A taxpayer located in a CHIPS zone may be eligible to claim an income tax credit under existing enterprise zone statutes for the taxpayer's qualified investments, business facility employees, or research and experimental activities. However, the tax benefits of CHIPS zones are only available to taxpayers engaged in semiconductor manufacturing, as that term is defined under the CHIPS Act.

All CHIPS zone tax credits must be precertified by the CHIPS zone administrator. All such credits may be used to offset a taxpayer's liability or carried forward for a period not to exceed 12 years. Or, if the credits are included in a refund certificate approved by the commission pursuant to section 1, they may be used to claim a refund of 80% of the total amount of the credits.

CHIPS zones may be modified or terminated in the discretion of the commission between income tax years 2023 and 2040; however, all CHIPS zones will terminate as a matter of law on December 31, 2040.

Section 7 modifies the Colorado job growth incentive tax credit to provide for an award of credit to taxpayers engaged in an advanced manufacturing or semiconductor manufacturing project that brings a net job growth of a least 20 jobs with an average yearly wage of at least 75% of the average yearly wage of the county in which the taxpayer is located. Such taxpayers are the only subset of recipients of the Colorado job growth incentive tax credit that may pursue a refund in accordance with section 1.

3 follows:

4 24-46-108. Refundable income tax credits for certain
5 businesses located in the state - definitions - repeal. (1) AS USED IN

¹ Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

² SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-46-108 as

1 THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "ADVANCED MANUFACTURING" MEANS THE USE OF
INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND PROCESSES TO ENHANCE EXISTING AND
CREATE NEW PRODUCTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRODUCTION
ACTIVITIES THAT DEPEND ON AUTOMATION, COMPUTATION, ENHANCED
PROTOTYPING, LASERS, NETWORKING, ROBOTICS, SENSING, SIMULATION,
AND SOFTWARE, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AS MAY BE DETERMINED
BY THE COMMISSION, IN THIS STATE.

9 (b) "ARPA" MEANS THE FEDERAL "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
10 OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.

(c) "CHIPS ACT" MEANS THE FEDERAL "CREATING HELPFUL
 INCENTIVES TO PRODUCE SEMICONDUCTORS AND SCIENCE ACT OF 2022",
 PUB.L. 117-167, AS AMENDED.

14 (d) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

15 (e) "INCOME TAX CREDIT" MEANS AN INCOME TAX CREDIT
16 ALLOWED TO A TAXPAYER UNDER SECTION 39-30-104, 39-30-105.1,
17 39-30-105.5, OR 39-22-531 (2) AND (3)(a)(I)(D).

(f) "INVESTOR" MEANS A PARTNER, SHAREHOLDER, OR MEMBER OF
A TAX PAYER THAT IS A PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, S
CORPORATION, OR OTHER SIMILAR PASS-THROUGH ENTITY.

(g) "OFFICE" MEANS THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
 DEVELOPMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-48.5-101.

23 (h) "PROJECT" MEANS A TAXPAYER'S ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
24 OR SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

(i) "REFUND CERTIFICATE" MEANS A WRITTEN, CONDITIONAL
APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH A TAXPAYER'S
APPROVED PROJECT AND THAT SETS FORTH THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF

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INCOME TAX CREDITS THAT THE TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM AS A REFUND IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(j) (I) "SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING" MEANS THE
FABRICATION, ASSEMBLY, TESTING, ADVANCED PACKAGING, PRODUCTION,
OR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SEMICONDUCTORS, MATERIALS USED
TO MANUFACTURE OR ENHANCE SEMICONDUCTORS, OR SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT IN THIS STATE FOR WHICH A TAXPAYER MAY
RECEIVE FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CHIPS ACT.

9 (II) THE DEFINITION OF "SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING" FOR 10 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION MAY BE MODIFIED OR EXPANDED BY THE 11 COMMISSION, INCLUDING TO REFLECT ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE 12 DEFINITION IN SUBSECTION (1)(j)(I) OF THIS SECTION AND THE DEFINITION 13 OF "SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING" THAT MAY BE USED BY THE 14 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN IMPLEMENTING THE 15 CHIPS ACT.

16 (k) "TAXPAYER" MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED IN ADVANCED
17 MANUFACTURING OR SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING THAT IS SUBJECT
18 TO TAX UNDER ARTICLE 22 OF TITLE 39.

19 (2) (a) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION 20 (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 THROUGH 21 2028-29, THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE AND ISSUE A REFUND 22 CERTIFICATE IF THE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE APPLICANT IS 23 A TAXPAYER THAT IS ENGAGED IN OR WILL ENGAGE IN A PROJECT ELIGIBLE 24 FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT. SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS IN SUBSECTION 25 (7) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE 26 COMMISSION, A TAXPAYER THAT HOLDS A REFUND CERTIFICATE MAY 27 CLAIM A REFUND OF EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE INCOME TAX CREDIT TYPES

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1 LISTED ON THE REFUND CERTIFICATE THAT ARE EARNED BY THE TAXPAYER 2 DURING THE TWELVE YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL 3 AND ARE NOT USED TO OFFSET THE TAXPAYER'S STATE INCOME TAXES DUE. 4 THE LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWED PER INCOME TAX 5 YEAR SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 39-30-104 (2)(c) AND 39-30-105.5 (2) DO 6 NOT APPLY TO INCOME TAX CREDITS REFUNDED UNDER THIS SECTION. 7 REFUNDS OF THE INCOME TAX CREDITS CLAIMED PURSUANT TO THIS 8 SECTION ARE A REDUCTION IN TAX REVENUE.

9 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL APPROVE REFUND CERTIFICATES
10 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

11 (I) THE MAXIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR 12 WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE REFUND TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES 13 FOR ALL TAXPAYERS IS FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS PER FISCAL YEAR; 14 EXCEPT THAT, IF THE COMMISSION APPROVES REFUND CERTIFICATES FOR 15 LESS THAN FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS OF INCOME TAX CREDITS DURING 16 ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE REMAINING AUTHORIZED BUT UNENCUMBERED 17 AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS IS ADDED TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF 18 INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE REFUND 19 CERTIFICATES DURING THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR;

20 (II) THE MAXIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR 21 WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE REFUND CERTIFICATES FOR ALL 22 TAXPAYERS FOR ALL FISCAL YEARS FROM JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 23 30, 2028, IS SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE 24 COMMISSION HAS APPROVED REFUND CERTIFICATES FOR LESS THAN 25 SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS OF INCOME TAX CREDITS ON JUNE 30, 26 2028, THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE REFUND CERTIFICATES FOR NEW 27 AND EXISTING APPLICANTS EQUAL TO THE REMAINING AMOUNT THROUGH

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1 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2029; AND

2 (III) COMPLIANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN THIS
3 SUBSECTION (2)(b) SHALL BE CALCULATED BASED ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT
4 OF THE INCOME TAX CREDITS INCLUDED IN THE REFUND CERTIFICATES AND
5 NOT EIGHTY PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT.

6 (c) (I) A TAXPAYER THAT RECEIVES A REFUND CERTIFICATE SHALL
7 NOTIFY THE COMMISSION PROMPTLY IF THE PROJECT INCLUDED IN THE
8 CERTIFICATE IS CANCELED, MODIFIED, OR OTHERWISE BECOMES INELIGIBLE
9 FOR THE ESTIMATED CREDIT, IN WHICH CASE THE REFUND CERTIFICATE
10 MAY BE CANCELED OR MODIFIED.

(II) A REFUND CERTIFICATE MAY BE REVOKED OR MODIFIED IF A
TAXPAYER THAT RECEIVES A REFUND CERTIFICATE DOES NOT COMMENCE
THE PROJECT APPROVED THEREIN WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE
COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE REFUND CERTIFICATE OR OTHERWISE
FAILS TO MEET THE TERMS OF THE REFUND CERTIFICATE.

(III) NOTWITHSTANDING THE LIMITATIONS IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)
OF THIS SECTION, IF A TAXPAYER'S REFUND CERTIFICATE IS CANCELED OR
MODIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION OR
REVOKED OR MODIFIED PURSUANT TO (2)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION, THE
AMOUNT OF THE CANCELED, REVOKED, OR MODIFIED INCOME TAX CREDITS
SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION TO USE IN APPROVING OTHER
TAXPAYERS' APPLICATIONS FOR A REFUND CERTIFICATE.

(3) A TAXPAYER MUST APPLY TO THE COMMISSION FOR A REFUND
CERTIFICATE ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH DEADLINES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED
BY THE OFFICE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION, AS FOLLOWS:
(a) A TAXPAYER MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION INCLUDING ALL

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INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR A PENDING PROJECT
 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3) TO THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO OBTAINING
 PRECERTIFICATION OF ANY INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR THE PROJECT
 PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-103 (7) OR 39-36-104 (5)(a) OR ON OR
 BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE TAXPAYER'S CREDIT PERIOD UNDER
 SECTION 39-22-531 (1)(d)(II), AS APPLICABLE; AND

7 (b) AN APPLICATION FOR A REFUND CERTIFICATE MUST BE
8 SUBMITTED IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE OFFICE AND MUST INCLUDE:

9 (I) EACH INCOME TAX CREDIT TYPE FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER
10 INTENDS TO REQUEST A REFUND;

(II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT THAT WILL SUPPORT EACH
INCOME TAX CREDIT TYPE, INCLUDING:

13 (A) THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT;

14 (B) THE INVESTMENT TO BE MADE FOR THE PROJECT;

15 (C) THE JOBS TO BE CREATED BY THE PROJECT; AND

16 (D) THE ANTICIPATED TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS TO
17 BE GENERATED BY THE PROJECT.

(III) IDENTIFICATION OF THE TYPE AND ESTIMATED OR ACTUAL
AMOUNT OF ANY ADDITIONAL INCOME TAX CREDITS OR OTHER FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE FROM ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY
RECEIVED, APPLIED FOR, OR INTENDED TO BE APPLIED FOR BY THE
TAXPAYER RELATED TO THE SAME PROJECT; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE OFFICE OR THE COMMISSION
MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE FOR EVALUATION OF THE TAXPAYER'S
APPLICATION FOR A REFUND CERTIFICATE.

26 (c) NOTHING IN SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION REQUIRES THE
 27 DISCLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC OF ANY INFORMATION THAT REVEALS THE

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AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAID TO ANY INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OF A
 BUSINESS, ANY COLORADO INCOME TAX RETURN, ANY INFORMATION
 REGARDING EXPENDITURES ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, OR OTHER
 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION OF A BUSINESS INCLUDED IN A TAXPAYER'S
 APPLICATION.

6 (4) IN REVIEWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 7 SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL PRIORITIZE 8 APPLICATIONS DEEMED ELIGIBLE FOR A REFUND CERTIFICATE AS FOLLOWS: 9 (a) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 AND 2024-25, THE COMMISSION 10 SHALL GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO TAXPAYERS ENGAGED IN 11 SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING THAT HAVE RECEIVED OR ARE 12 EXPECTED TO RECEIVE MATCHING MONEY UNDER ARPA, THE CHIPS ACT, 13 OR OTHER FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES INCENTIVES FOR 14 SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING; AND

(b) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 THROUGH 2028-29, THE
COMMISSION SHALL GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO TAXPAYERS ENGAGED IN
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING OR SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING THAT
HAVE RECEIVED OR ARE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE MATCHING MONEY UNDER
ARPA, THE CHIPS ACT, OR OTHER FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES
INCENTIVES FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING OR SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING.

(5) THE COMMISSION, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PRIORITY
ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION,
SHALL APPROVE OR DENY APPLICATIONS FOR REFUND CERTIFICATES IN ITS
DISCRETION BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

26 (a) WHETHER THE TAXPAYER WAS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED A
27 REFUND CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SECTION;

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(b) THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL
 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED, APPLIED FOR, OR INTENDED TO BE
 APPLIED FOR BY THE TAXPAYER, AS DISCLOSED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
 (3)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE
 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OFFERING THE APPLICABLE FINANCIAL
 ASSISTANCE HAS BENEFITTED OR MAY BENEFIT THEREFROM;

7 (c) THE SIZE OF THE TAXPAYER'S CURRENT OPERATION IN THE
8 STATE RELATIVE TO THE STATE AS A WHOLE AND THE REGION OF THE
9 STATE IN WHICH THE TAXPAYER IS BASED;

10 (d) ANY STRATEGIC ECONOMIC BENEFITS THAT THE TAXPAYER
11 PROVIDES WITH EXISTING OPERATIONS TO THE STATE OR REGION IN TERMS
12 OF SUPPLY CHAIN, BENEFITS TO OTHER INDUSTRIES, OR OTHER SPILLOVER
13 BENEFITS; AND

(e) ANY ADDITIONAL FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BENEFITS THAT THE TAXPAYER MAY PROVIDE TO THE STATE OR REGION
BASED ON COMMITMENTS THAT THE TAXPAYER HAS RECENTLY MADE OR
PROPOSES TO MAKE IN THE NEAR TERM.

(6) (a) THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE ALL, PART, OR NONE OF
THE AMOUNT OF A TAXPAYER'S APPLICATION FOR A REFUND CERTIFICATE
MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE
COMMISSION APPROVES A TAXPAYER'S APPLICATION IN PART, THE
COMMISSION MAY APPROVE ADDITIONAL REFUND CERTIFICATES UP TO THE
FULL AMOUNT OF THE TAXPAYER'S ORIGINAL APPLICATION IN A
SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2028-29.

(b) UPON APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION, AND AFTER THE
SATISFACTION OF ANY CONTINGENCIES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO
SUBSECTION (10) OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE SHALL ISSUE A REFUND

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CERTIFICATE THAT DESCRIBES THE TAXPAYER'S APPROVED PROJECT,
 INCLUDING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(b)(II) OF
 THIS SECTION, AND SETS FORTH THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX
 CREDITS THAT THE TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM AS A REFUND IN ACCORDANCE
 WITH THIS SECTION.

6 (c) IF A TAXPAYER RECEIVING A REFUND CERTIFICATE PURSUANT 7 TO THIS SECTION IS A PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, S 8 CORPORATION, OR OTHER SIMILAR PASS-THROUGH ENTITY, THE TAXPAYER 9 MAY ALLOCATE THE APPROVED MAXIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT 10 WHICH THE TAXPAYER MIGHT EARN AND USE TO CLAIM A REFUND IN 11 CONNECTION WITH THE TAXPAYER'S PROJECT AMONG ITS INVESTORS IN 12 ANY MANNER AGREED TO BY THE INVESTORS. THE TAXPAYER SHALL 13 CERTIFY TO THE OFFICE THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOCATED TO EACH 14 INVESTOR AND THE OFFICE SHALL ISSUE REFUND CERTIFICATES IN THE 15 APPROPRIATE AMOUNTS TO EACH INVESTOR. EACH INVESTOR IS ALLOWED 16 TO CLAIM A REFUND OF EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT 17 SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

18 (7) TO CLAIM A REFUND IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPROVED19 REFUND CERTIFICATE, A TAXPAYER MUST:

20 (a) COMMENCE THE PROJECT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION IN
21 THE REFUND CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE REFUND CERTIFICATE IS CANCELED,
22 REVOKED, OR MODIFIED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
23 (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION;

(b) EARN ONE OR MORE INCOME TAX CREDITS IN CONNECTION
WITH THE APPROVED PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 39-30-104,
39-30-105.1, 39-30-105.5, OR 39-22-531 (2) AND (3)(a)(I)(D), NOT LATER
THAN TWELVE YEARS FROM THE DATE THE REFUND CERTIFICATE FOR THE

1 INCOME TAX CREDIT IS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION;

2 (c) APPLY THE INCOME TAX CREDITS TO THE TAXPAYER'S STATE
3 INCOME TAX LIABILITY, IF ANY, FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN WHICH A
4 REFUND IS CLAIMED;

(d) SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED RECORDS AND INFORMATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS, FOR
FILING THE TAXPAYER'S STATE INCOME TAX RETURN FOR THE INCOME TAX
YEAR IN WHICH AN INCOME TAX CREDIT IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT
APPLIED FOR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(c) OF THIS SECTION WILL BE
REFUNDED, INCLUDING:

(I) ALL RECORDS AND INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CLAIM THE
INCOME TAX CREDIT EARNED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAXPAYER'S
APPROVED PROJECT, INCLUDING THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION UNDER
SECTION 39-30-103 (7) OR 39-36-104 (5);

(II) THE REFUND CERTIFICATE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT
THROUGH WHICH THE TAXPAYER EARNED THE INCOME TAX CREDIT AND
THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT;

18 (III) A REFUND ELECTION STATEMENT ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY
 19 THE DEPARTMENT; AND

20 (IV) ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY SECTION
21 39-36-106 (1)(b) OR OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW;

(e) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION IN SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS
section, agree to receive a refund of the eighty percent of the
AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT REMAINING AFTER APPLYING THE CREDIT UNDER
subsection (7)(c) of this section and forego the remaining twenty
PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT CLAIMED AS A REFUND; AND

27 (8) A TAXPAYER MAY NOT CLAIM CUMULATIVE REFUNDS IN

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EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS THAT
 THE COMMISSION HAS APPROVED IN THE REFUND CERTIFICATE. ANY
 CREDIT EARNED IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT IN THE REFUND CERTIFICATE
 AND FOREGONE UNDER SUBSECTION (7)(e) OF THIS SECTION IS RETAINED
 BY THE TAXPAYER AND MAY BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTE
 PURSUANT TO WHICH IT WAS EARNED.

7 (9) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE 8 September 30 of each calendar year thereafter through 9 SEPTEMBER 30, 2029, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT 10 ALL RECORDS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO 11 ESTABLISH THAT A TAXPAYER IS APPROVED TO CLAIM REFUNDABLE 12 INCOME TAX CREDITS UP TO THE MAXIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED BY 13 THE COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAXPAYER'S PROJECT AS SET 14 FORTH IN THE TAXPAYER'S REFUND CERTIFICATE FOR THE PRECEDING 15 CALENDAR YEAR OR ANY FISCAL YEAR ENDING IN THE PRECEDING 16 CALENDAR YEAR. THE REPORT MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING 17 INFORMATION FOR EACH TAXPAYER:

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(a) THE TAXPAYER'S NAME;

19 (b) THE TAXPAYER'S COLORADO ACCOUNT NUMBER AND FEDERAL
20 EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER;

(c) EACH INCOME TAX CREDIT TYPE FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER
MAY REQUEST A REFUND, AS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
(3)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION AND IN THE TAXPAYER'S REFUND CERTIFICATE;
(d) A DESCRIPTION OF THE TAXPAYER'S PROJECT, INCLUDING THE
INFORMATION FROM SUBSECTION (3)(b)(II), APPROVED IN THE REFUND
CERTIFICATE AS THE BASIS FOR THE TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX CREDIT
CLAIM; AND

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(e) THE MAXIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT THE TAXPAYER MAY
 USE TO CLAIM A REFUND PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AS STATED IN THE
 REFUND CERTIFICATE.

4 (10) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE, MAY
5 ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND
6 GUIDELINES TO ADMINISTER THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR AND
7 APPROVAL OF REFUND CERTIFICATES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
8 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

9 (a) A LIMIT ON THE TOTAL REFUND AMOUNT THAT MAY BE
10 APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION FOR A SINGLE TAXPAYER IN A GIVEN YEAR;
11 (b) A LIMIT ON THE TOTAL REFUND AMOUNT THAT MAY BE
12 APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION FOR A SINGLE TAXPAYER FOR MULTIPLE
13 YEARS OR ALL YEARS FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER HAS APPLIED FOR A
14 REFUND CERTIFICATE;

15 (c) A limit on the total refund amount that may be
16 Approved by the commission for a specified semiconductor or
17 Advanced manufacturing activity;

18 THE ADOPTION OF NEW OR MODIFICATION OF EXISTING (d) 19 POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, OR GUIDELINES TO ALIGN WITH 20 FEDERAL STATUTES, REGULATIONS, OR GUIDELINES AS NEEDED TO 21 FACILITATE TAXPAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER ARPA, THE CHIPS ACT, AND OTHER SIMILAR FEDERAL 22 23 LEGISLATION, INCLUDING BY ENSURING THAT THE TAX INCENTIVES 24 AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36 QUALIFY AS "COVERED 25 INCENTIVES" ACCORDING TO 15 U.S.C. SEC. 4651 (3); OR

26 (e) CONTINGENCIES THAT MUST BE SATISFIED BY THE TAXPAYER
27 BEFORE THE TAXPAYER CAN OBTAIN A REFUND CERTIFICATE.

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1 (11) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2045. 2 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-48.5-133 as 3 follows: 4 24-48.5-133. Advanced manufacturing and STEM industries 5 task force - creation - duties - definition - repeal. (1) AS USED IN THIS 6 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHER WISE REQUIRES: (a) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 7 8 CREATED IN SECTION 24-48.5-101. 9 (b) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND 10 STEM INDUSTRIES TASK FORCE CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS 11 SECTION. 12 (2) (a) THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND STEM INDUSTRIES 13 TASK FORCE IS CREATED IN THE OFFICE. THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE 14 FOLLOWING MEMBERS: 15 (I) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ONE 16 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE 17 APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF 18 **REPRESENTATIVES;** 19 (II) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, ONE APPOINTED BY THE 20 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER 21 OF THE SENATE: 22 (III) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OFFICE WITH EXPERIENCE IN 23 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ADVANCED INDUSTRIES ACCELERATION 24 GRANT PROGRAM, CREATED IN SECTION 24-48.5-117 (3), OR OTHER 25 BUSINESS FUNDING AND INCENTIVES, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE 26 OFFICE; 27 (IV)AT LEAST FOUR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES FROM

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BUSINESSES SUPPORTED BY THE ADVANCED INDUSTRIES ACCELERATION
 GRANT PROGRAM, WHICH MAY INCLUDE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING,
 AEROSPACE, BIOSCIENCE, ELECTRONICS, ENERGY AND NATURAL
 RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING, OR TECHNOLOGY AND
 INFORMATION BUSINESSES, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE;
 AND

7 (V) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.
8 (b) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT ONE MEMBER TO
9 SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON.

10 (c) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
11 COMPENSATION OTHER THAN REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE AND
12 ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

13 (3) (a) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE DURING THE
2023 INTERIM PERIOD TO:

(I) STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING FINANCIAL
INCENTIVES, SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND OTHER SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) COMPANIES IN COLORADO;

(II) EXAMINE OTHER STATES' STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND
 POLICIES INTENDED TO ATTRACT AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF
 ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND OTHER STEM COMPANIES; AND

(III) IDENTIFY ANY RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION OR CHANGES IN
 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OR POLICIES TO MAKE COLORADO'S ADVANCED
 MANUFACTURING AND OTHER STEM INDUSTRIES MORE NATIONALLY
 COMPETITIVE.

26 (b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-1-136

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(9). THE REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1,
 2023, AND SHALL CONTAIN THE TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
 ALL ISSUES ON WHICH TWO-THIRDS OR MORE OF ITS MEMBERS AGREE. A
 MINORITY REPORT OF ANY ISSUES INCLUDED IN THE REPORT MUST BE
 INCLUDED AT THE REQUEST OF ONE OR MORE OF THE DISSENTING
 MEMBERS.

7 (c) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES AS THE TASK FORCE
8 MAY REQUEST, INCLUDING:

9 (I) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE, MEETING SPACE, AND OTHER
10 NECESSARY FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES;

11 (II) POSTAGE AND PRINTING;

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(III) ARRANGING FOR, COORDINATING, AND KEEPING RECORDS OF
 MEETINGS; AND

14 (IV) PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NOTICES, AGENDAS,15 MINUTES, AND REPORTS.

16 (d) THE OFFICE MAY, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR,
17 CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT FACILITATOR TO SUPPORT THE TASK
18 FORCE, INCLUDING BY ASSISTING IN DRAFTING THE REPORT REQUIRED BY
19 SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2025.

21 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-30-104, amend
22 (2)(c)(I) introductory portion, (2)(c)(III)(A), and (2.5)(a)(I) as follows:

39-30-104. Credit against tax - investment in certain property
- definitions. (2) (c) (I) For income tax years commencing on or after
January 1, 2014, except as provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph
(c) SECTION 24-46-108 AND SUBSECTION (2)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION, the
amount that may be claimed by a taxpayer for an income tax year AND

THAT IS NOT APPLIED OR REFUNDED UNDER SECTION 24-46-108 is limited
 to the lesser of:

(III) (A) Except as otherwise provided in sections 24-46-104.3
and 24-46-107 SECTIONS 24-46-104.3, 24-46-107, AND 24-46-108 and
subsection (2)(c)(III)(B) of this section, any excess credit allowed
pursuant to this subsection (2)(c) shall be an investment tax credit
carryover to each of the fourteen income tax years following the unused
credit year.

9 (2.5) (a) (I) Notwithstanding section 39-22-507.5 (7)(b), except 10 as provided in section 24-46-107 SECTION 24-46-107 AND 24-46-108, and 11 except as otherwise provided in subsections (2.5)(a)(II) and (2.5)(b) of 12 this section, any excess credit allowed pursuant to this section AND NOT 13 APPLIED OR REFUNDED UNDER SECTION 24-46-108 shall be an investment 14 tax credit carryover to each of the twelve income tax years following the 15 unused credit year.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-30-105.1, amend
(4)(a)(I) and (4)(a)(II) as follows:

18 39-30-105.1. Credit for new enterprise zone business 19 employees - definitions. (4) (a) (I) Except as provided in sections 20 24-46-104.3 and 24-46-107 SECTIONS 24-46-104.3, 24-46-107, AND 21 24-46-108, for any income tax year commencing on or after January 1, 22 2014, if the total amount of the credits claimed by a taxpayer pursuant to 23 subsections (1)(a)(I), (1)(b), and (3)(a) of this section exceeds the amount 24 of income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer in the income tax year 25 for which the credits are being claimed, the amount of the credits not used 26 as an offset against income taxes in said income tax year is not allowed 27 as a refund but OR REFUNDED UNDER SECTION 24-46-108 may be carried

1 forward as a credit against subsequent years' tax liability for a period not 2 exceeding five years and is applied first to the earliest income tax years 3 possible. Any amount of the credit that is not used during said period is 4 not refundable to the taxpayer.

5 (II) Except as provided in sections 24-46-104.3 and 24-46-107 6 SECTIONS 24-46-104.3, 24-46-107, AND 24-46-108 for any income tax 7 year commencing on or after January 1, 2014, if the total amount of 8 credits claimed by a taxpayer pursuant to subsections (1)(a)(II) and (3)(b)9 of this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due on the income of 10 the taxpayer in the income tax year for which the credits are being 11 claimed, the amount of credits not used as an offset against income taxes 12 in said income tax year is not allowed as a refund but AND NOT USED TO 13 CLAIM A REFUND UNDER SECTION 24-46-108 may be carried forward as a 14 credit against subsequent years' tax liability for a period not exceeding 15 seven years and is applied first to the earliest income tax years possible. 16 Any amount of the credit that is not used during said period is not 17 refundable to the taxpayer.

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SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-30-105.5, amend 19 (2) introductory portion as follows:

20 **39-30-105.5.** Credit against Colorado income taxes based on 21 expenditures for research and experimental activities. (2) Except as 22 provided in section 24-46-104.3 SECTIONS 24-46-104.3 AND 24-46-108, 23 in any one tax year, the amount of such credit allowable for deduction 24 from the taxpayer's tax liability AND NOT APPLIED OR REFUNDED UNDER 25 SECTION 24-46-108 shall be the total of:

26 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 36 to title 39 as follows: 27

1	ARTICLE 36
2	CHIPS Zone Act
3	39-36-101. Short title. The short title of this act is the
4	"CHIPS ZONE ACT".
5	39-36-102. Tax preference performance statement - legislative
6	declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:
7	(a) SEMICONDUCTORS, OR CHIPS, ARE TINY ELECTRONIC DEVICES
8	THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO MODERN INDUSTRIAL AND NATIONAL
9	SECURITY ACTIVITIES. THESE DEVICES POWER TOOLS AS SIMPLE AS A LIGHT
10	SWITCH AND AS COMPLEX AS A FIGHTER JET OR A SMARTPHONE.
11	SEMICONDUCTORS ARE ALSO ESSENTIAL BUILDING BLOCKS IN EMERGING
12	TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, $5G$ communications,
13	AND QUANTUM COMPUTING.
14	(b) IN 2022, the federal government enacted the "Creating
15	HELPFUL INCENTIVES FOR PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTORS AND SCIENCE
16	ACT", OR "CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT", PROVIDING FOR OVER FIFTY BILLION
17	DOLLARS TO BE EXPENDED IN STRENGTHENING AND REVITALIZING THE
18	COUNTRY'S POSITION IN SEMICONDUCTOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND
19	MANUFACTURING;
20	(c) The "CHIPS and Science Act" is expected to unlock
21	HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF PRIVATE SECTOR SEMICONDUCTOR
22	INVESTMENT ACROSS THE COUNTRY;
23	(d) Enactment of a semiconductor manufacturing zone, or
24	CHIPS ZONE, PROGRAM OF TAX INCENTIVES WILL MAXIMIZE THE
25	OPPORTUNITY FOR COLORADO BUSINESSES TO DRAW DOWN FEDERAL
26	DOLLARS UNDER THE CHIPS ACT AND CAPTURE SOME OF THE BILLIONS OF
27	DOLLARS OF PRIVATE FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE SPENT IN GROWING THE

1 COUNTRY'S SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY;

(e) THE THREE TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE PROGRAM,
FOR QUALIFIED INVESTMENTS, BUSINESS FACILITY EMPLOYEES, AND
EXPENDITURES IN RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL ACTIVITIES WILL
ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT TO EXPAND COLORADO'S SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING CAPACITY AND MAKE COLORADO A NEW CENTER FOR
INNOVATION AND RESEARCH IN THIS CRITICAL INDUSTRY;

8 (f) INVESTING IN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURERS IN THIS 9 MANNER ALSO MEANS INVESTING IN COLORADO WORKERS, AS GROWTH IN 10 THE SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING SECTOR WILL NECESSARILY 11 RESULT IN THE CREATION AND RETENTION OF HIGH-SKILLED, 12 WELL-COMPENSATED MANUFACTURING JOBS IN THE STATE;

(g) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 39-21-304 (1), WHICH
REQUIRES ANY BILL THAT CREATES A NEW TAX EXPENDITURE TO INCLUDE
A TAX PREFERENCE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT AS PART OF A STATUTORY
LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER DECLARES
THAT:

18 (I) THE GENERAL LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES OF THE TAX CREDITS
19 ALLOWED BY THIS ARTICLE 36 ARE:

20 (A) TO INDUCE CERTAIN DESIGNATED BEHAVIOR BY TAXPAYERS;

- 21 (B) TO IMPROVE INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS; AND
- 22 (C) TO CREATE OR RETAIN JOBS.
- 23 (II) THE SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES OF THE TAX CREDITS
 24 ALLOWED BY THIS ARTICLE 36 ARE:
- 25 (A) TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF COLORADO'S
 26 SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY;
- 27 (B) TO INDUCE INVESTMENT IN NEW AND EXISTING

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1 SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES IN THE STATE; AND

2 (C) TO CREATE WELL-PAYING JOBS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS A
3 RESULT OF SUCH INVESTMENT; AND

4 (III) THE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATION FORMS REQUIRED FROM 5 TAXPAYERS TO BE EXECUTED BY THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR 6 PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-36-104 (5), THE ANNUAL REPORTS THAT THE 7 ZONE ADMINISTRATOR IS REQUIRED TO MAKE TO THE COLORADO 8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-36-104 9 (3)(b), AND THE ANNUAL REPORTS THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO 10 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUST MAKE TO THE GENERAL 11 ASSEMBLY AND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 12 39-36-104 (3)(c), WILL PROVIDE OBJECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 13 DATA POINTS THAT WILL ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE 14 AUDITOR TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CHIPS ZONE TAX 15 CREDITS.

39-36-103. Definitions. (1) AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 36, UNLESS
THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "CERTIFICATION" MEANS THE WRITTEN TAX CREDIT
CERTIFICATE DOCUMENTING A TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX CREDIT CLAIM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-104, 39-30-105.1, OR 39-30-105.5 AND THE
ESTIMATED VALUE OF EACH CREDIT CERTIFIED BY THE CHIPS ZONE
ADMINISTRATOR, FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER RECEIVED PRECERTIFICATION
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 39-36-104 (5)(b).

(b) "CHIPS ACT" MEANS THE FEDERAL "CREATING HELPFUL
INCENTIVES TO PRODUCE SEMICONDUCTORS AND SCIENCE ACT OF 2022",
PUB.L. 117-167, AS AMENDED.

27 (c) "CHIPS ZONE" MEANS A SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING

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ZONE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-36-104
 (2)(a).

3 (d) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE COLORADO ECONOMIC
4 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION 24-46-102 (1).

5 (e) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
6 REVENUE.

(f) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE.

8 (g) "OFFICE" MEANS THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
9 DEVELOPMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-48.5-101.

(h) "PRECERTIFICATION" MEANS THE WRITTEN PRECERTIFICATION
OF A TAXPAYER'S PROPOSED PROJECT AND ANY RELATED INCOME TAX
CREDIT CLAIMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-104, 39-30-105.1, OR
39-30-105.5, BY THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR IN RELIANCE ON THE
TAXPAYER'S REPRESENTATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-36-104 (5)(a).
(i) "REFUND CERTIFICATE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH

16 IN SECTION 24-46-108 (1)(h).

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17 (j) "SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING" HAS THE SAME MEANING
18 AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-46-108 (1)(i).

19 (k) "TAXPAYER" MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED IN SEMICONDUCTOR
20 MANUFACTURING THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAX UNDER ARTICLE 22 OF THIS
21 TITLE 39.

39-36-104. Zones established - zone administrator - review termination. (1) (a) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER
JANUARY 1, 2023, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2036, ANY MUNICIPALITY,
COUNTY, OR GROUP OF CONTIGUOUS MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES MAY
PROPOSE AN AREA OF SUCH MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR GROUP OF
MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES TO BE DESIGNATED AS A CHIPS ZONE IN

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ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE
 OFFICE AND PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36.

3 (b) TO PROPOSE AN AREA FOR DESIGNATION AS A CHIPS ZONE, A
4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL SUBMIT A DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE
5 DIRECTOR. THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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(I) THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED ZONE;

7 (II) THE PROPOSED ZONE'S POTENTIAL FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
8 MANUFACTURING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION;

9 (III) HOW THE PROPOSED ZONE WILL SUPPORT AND BE CONSISTENT
10 WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE AREA'S ECONOMY; AND

11 (IV) ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION THE DIRECTOR OR THE
12 COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE.

13 (2) (a) THE COMMISSION, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE,
14 MAY APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF A CHIPS ZONE.

15 (b) ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OR
16 TERMINATION OF A CHIPS ZONE OR ANY PORTION OF A CHIPS ZONE
17 SHALL BE MADE BY THE COMMISSION UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
18 OFFICE.

(3) (a) THE DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE
AS THE ZONE ADMINISTRATOR FOR ALL APPROVED CHIPS ZONES. THE
COMMISSION SHALL WORK WITH THE ZONE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENSURE
THAT EACH ZONE HAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES WITH
OUTCOMES THAT CAN BE MEASURED.

(b) THE ZONE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COMMISSION SUMMARIZING THE ZONE ADMINISTRATOR'S REVIEW
OF DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING THE MOST RECENT STATISTICS
AVAILABLE FOR TAXPAYERS CLAIMING CHIPS ZONE CREDITS, ON:

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(I) THE NUMBER OF SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING JOBS
 CREATED IN THE ZONE;

3 (II) THE NUMBER OF SUCH JOBS RETAINED IN THE ZONE;

4 (III) THE AVERAGE ANNUAL COMPENSATION LEVEL, INCLUDING
5 BENEFITS, OF THE SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING JOBS CREATED OR
6 RETAINED WITHIN THE ZONE;

7 (IV) AN ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THE ZONE,
8 INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT IN QUALIFYING PROPERTY FOR
9 WHICH TAX CREDITS ARE CLAIMED PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-104;

10 (V) THE NUMBER OF BUSINESS FACILITY EMPLOYEES FOR WHICH
11 TAX CREDITS ARE CLAIMED PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-105.1;

(VI) THE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS CLAIMED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-104 AND THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS FOR
EMPLOYEES CLAIMED PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-105.1;

(VII) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS BASED ON
EXPENDITURES FOR RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL ACTIVITIES CLAIMED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-105.5; AND

18 (VIII) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REASONABLY REQUIRED BY THE
19 COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH ZONE IN
20 ACCOMPLISHING THE ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES OF THE ZONE.

(c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136
(11)(a)(I), THE DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, ON BEHALF OF
THE COMMISSION, SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE
NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH
NOVEMBER 1,2036, SUMMARIZING THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE
ZONE ADMINISTRATOR TO THE COMMISSION EACH YEAR PURSUANT TO

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SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR'S
 DESIGNEE, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE AN ANNUAL
 PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT REVIEWS
 AND SUMMARIZES THE INFORMATION IN THE REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(c).

6 (d) THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE 7 GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE 8 STATE AUDITOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE, EVALUATING 9 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHIPS ZONE PROGRAM, MAKING 10 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATUTORY CHANGES, IF ANY, AND INCLUDING 11 ANY INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNOR OR THE GENERAL 12 ASSEMBLY. THE EVALUATION MUST BE BASED UPON THE DATA INCLUDED 13 IN THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE 14 COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 15 (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION AND OBJECTIVE, VERIFIABLE DATA SUBMITTED BY 16 THE ZONE ADMINISTRATOR AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OR OBTAINED 17 FROM THE DEPARTMENT. THE REPORT MUST ALSO INCLUDE INFORMATION 18 CONCERNING THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS CLAIMED AND 19 ALLOWED UNDER THE PROGRAM. FOR PURPOSES OF PREPARING THE 20 REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (3)(d), THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL 21 HAVE ACCESS TO ALL RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE 22 PROGRAM, WHETHER MAINTAINED BY THE COMMISSION, OFFICE, LOCAL 23 GOVERNMENTS, OR THE ZONE ADMINISTRATOR.

(e) TAXPAYERS CLAIMING CHIPS ZONE CREDITS SHALL PROVIDE
INFORMATION REASONABLY REQUIRED BY THE ZONE ADMINISTRATOR, THE
OFFICE, OR THE COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH
ZONE IN ACCOMPLISHING THE MEASURABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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1 OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED IN THE ZONE.

(4) (a) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS
SECTION, EVERY TAXPAYER THAT PERFORMS AN ACT IN A CHIPS ZONE
THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR THE INCOME TAX CREDIT UNDER SECTION
39-30-104, 39-30-105.1, OR 39-30-105.5 IF THE ACT WAS PERFORMED IN
AN ENTERPRISE ZONE, CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-103 OR
39-30-103.2, IS ALLOWED THE CREDIT PURSUANT TO THE CORRESPONDING
SECTION AND THIS ARTICLE 36 WITH RESPECT TO THAT ACT.

9 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION OR 10 ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THIS ARTICLE 36, A TAXPAYER MAY NOT CLAIM 11 AN INCOME TAX CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36 FOR PERFORMING 12 AN ACT IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER IS ALLOWED 13 TO CLAIM AN INCOME TAX CREDIT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30 OF THIS TITLE 14 39.

15 (5) (a) BEFORE A TAXPAYER ENGAGES IN ANY ACTIVITY IN A 16 CHIPS ZONE FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER INTENDS TO CLAIM AN INCOME 17 TAX CREDIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-104, 39-30-105.1, OR 18 39-30-105.5, AN AUTHORIZED COMPANY OFFICIAL OF THE TAXPAYER'S 19 BUSINESS OR THE TAXPAYER WHO IS THE OWNER OF THE BUSINESS MUST 20 SUBMIT A PRECERTIFICATION FORM TO THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR 21 AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 22 THE PRECERTIFICATION PROCESS SET FORTH IN SECTION 39-30-103 (7).

(b) (I) A TAXPAYER THAT ENGAGES IN AN ACTIVITY IN A CHIPS
ZONE THAT WAS PRECERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS
SECTION FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER INTENDS TO CLAIM AN INCOME TAX
CREDIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-104, 39-30-105.1, OR 39-30-105.5,
MUST SUBMIT TO THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR ALL NECESSARY

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RECORDS AND INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH THAT THE TAXPAYER IS
 ENTITLED TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT AND ALL DOCUMENTATION
 REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR'S
 ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (3)(b)(I) THROUGH
 (3)(b)(VII) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (II) THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR, TAKING INTO 7 CONSIDERATION THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED 8 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE ZONE IN WHICH 9 THE TAXPAYER ENGAGED IN THE ACTIVITY TO BE CERTIFIED, SHALL 10 APPROVE OR DENY THE TAXPAYER'S CERTIFICATION REQUEST IN WRITING 11 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF ITS SUBMISSION.

12 (c) A TAXPAYER SHALL SUBMIT THE APPROVED CERTIFICATION 13 FROM THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR, INCLUDING ALL INFORMATION 14 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (5)(a) AND (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, ALONG 15 WITH ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 16 39-36-106 (1)(b) OR OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW, TO THE DEPARTMENT 17 NO LATER THAN THE DUE DATE, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS, FOR FILING THE 18 TAXPAYER'S STATE INCOME TAX RETURN FOR THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH A 19 TAX CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 36 IS CLAIMED.

20 (6) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION,
21 ALL CHIPS ZONES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO
22 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY ON
23 DECEMBER 31, 2040.

(b) A TAXPAYER THAT COMPLETES AN ACTIVITY IN A CHIPS ZONE
THAT WAS PRECERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS
section prior to the date of termination of the CHIPS ZONE under
subsection (6)(a) of this section may seek certification to claim

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AN INCOME TAX CREDIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-30-104 OR 39-30-105.1
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN SECTION 39-30-103
 (6)(a). NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (6)(b) AUTHORIZES THE COMMISSION
 TO GRANT TAX BENEFITS THAT HAVE BEEN REPEALED BY THE GENERAL
 ASSEMBLY OR TO GRANT TAX BENEFITS IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITS OF
 ESTABLISHED LAW.

7 39-36-105. Electronic submissions - certification data to 8 department of revenue. (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND 9 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER 10 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2035, THE DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR'S 11 DESIGNEE, SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT DATA REGARDING 12 INCOME TAX CREDITS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36 THAT ARE 13 CERTIFIED BY THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR FROM JANUARY 1 14 THROUGH JUNE 30 OF THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR.

(b) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2024, AND ON OR BEFORE MARCH
31 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH MARCH 31, 2036,
THE DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE
DEPARTMENT DATA REGARDING INCOME TAX CREDITS ALLOWED
PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36 THAT ARE CERTIFIED BY THE CHIPS ZONE
ADMINISTRATOR FROM JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE PREVIOUS
CALENDAR YEAR.

(c) THE DATA REQUIRED TO BE TRANSMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR,
OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTIONS
(2)(a) AND (2)(b) MUST BE IN THE FORM OF ELECTRONIC REPORTS THAT
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

26 (I) THE TAXPAYER'S NAME;

27 (II) THE TAXPAYER'S COLORADO ACCOUNT NUMBER AND FEDERAL

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1 EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER;

2 (III) THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF EACH INCOME TAX CREDIT
3 ALLOWED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 36 AND CERTIFIED BY THE CHIPS ZONE
4 ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TAXPAYER FOR THE TAX YEAR; AND

5 (IV) ANY ASSOCIATED TAXPAYERS'NAMES, COLORADO ACCOUNT
6 NUMBERS, AND FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OR SOCIAL
7 SECURITY NUMBERS IF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 36 IS
8 ALLOCATED FROM A PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TO ITS PARTNERS,
9 SHAREHOLDERS, MEMBERS, OR OTHER CONSTITUENT TAXPAYERS.

39-36-106. Department of revenue - electronic filings - report
- rules. (1) (a) FOR THE 2023 INCOME TAX YEAR AND EACH INCOME TAX
YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH THE 2035 INCOME TAX YEAR, ANY TAXPAYER
THAT CLAIMS ONE OR MORE INCOME TAX CREDITS PURSUANT TO THIS
ARTICLE 36 SHALL FILE A STATE INCOME TAX RETURN WITH THE
DEPARTMENT IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT.

16 (b) A TAXPAYER MUST SUBMIT THE ELECTRONIC STATE INCOME
17 TAX RETURN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION
18 TOGETHER WITH:

(I) A CERTIFICATION FORM EXECUTED BY THE CHIPS ZONE
ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-36-104 (5)(b) FOR EACH
INCOME TAX CREDIT CLAIMED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36;

(II) ANY WAIVER CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE
TAXPAYER UNDER SECTION 39-30-104 (2)(c)(III)(B) WAIVING THE LIMIT
ON THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXPAYER'S QUALIFIED INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT
FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR;

26 (III) A REFUND ELECTION STATEMENT ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY
 27 THE DEPARTMENT FOR EACH TAX CREDIT CLAIMED PURSUANT TO THIS

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ARTICLE 36 FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER ELECTS TO RECEIVE A REFUND
 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46-108;

3 (IV) A REFUND CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE
4 TAXPAYER UNDER SECTION 24-46-108 APPROVING EACH INCOME TAX
5 CREDIT CLAIMED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36 FOR WHICH THE
6 TAXPAYER ELECTS TO RECEIVE A REFUND; AND

7 (V) A CARRYFORWARD SCHEDULE INCLUDING THE TYPE AND
8 AMOUNT OF EACH INCOME TAX CREDIT CLAIMED PURSUANT TO THIS
9 ARTICLE 36 THAT THE TAXPAYER INTENDS TO USE IN A SUBSEQUENT TAX
10 YEAR.

(2) THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS
SECTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN THE DUE
DATE, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS, FOR FILING THE TAXPAYER'S STATE INCOME
TAX RETURN FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE INCOME TAX
CREDITS ARE CLAIMED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36.

16 (3) (a) FOR THE 2023 INCOME TAX YEAR AND EACH INCOME TAX 17 YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH THE 2035 income tax year, the 18 DEPARTMENT SHALL AGGREGATE AND REPORT DATA ON ALL OF THE 19 INCOME TAX CREDITS THAT ARE CLAIMED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36 20 FOR EACH INCOME TAX YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CATEGORIZE SUCH 21 AGGREGATED DATA BY THE DATE THAT THE INCOME TAX CREDIT WAS 22 CERTIFIED BY THE CHIPS ZONE ADMINISTRATOR, THE SPECIFIC INCOME 23 TAX CREDIT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36 THAT EACH 24 TAXPAYER WAS AUTHORIZED TO CLAIM, AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE 25 INCOME TAX CREDITS CLAIMED FOR EACH INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED 26 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 36.

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(b) The department shall submit the data collected

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PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b)(V) OF THIS SECTION AND THE DATA
 AGGREGATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO THE
 OFFICE ON AUGUST 1, 2023, AND ON AUGUST 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER
 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2036.

5 (4) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, IN 6 CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE, MAY 7 PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER 8 AND ENFORCE ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 36.

39-36-107. Repeal of article. This ARTICLE 36 IS REPEALED,
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2041.

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-531, amend
(6); and add (3)(a)(I)(D) as follows:

39-22-531. Colorado job growth incentive tax credit - rules definitions - repeal.

15 (3) (a) (I) (D) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER 16 JANUARY 1, 2024, BUT PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2029, IF THE PROJECT 17 CONSTITUTES ADVANCED MANUFACTURING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18 24-46-108 (1)(a), OR SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING, AS DEFINED IN 19 SECTION 24-46-108 (1)(i), THE PROJECT MUST BRING A NET JOB GROWTH 20 OF AT LEAST TWENTY JOBS TO THE STATE WITH AN AVERAGE YEARLY 21 WAGE OF SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OR SUCH GREATER AMOUNT OF THE 22 AVERAGE YEARLY WAGE OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE TAXPAYER IS 23 LOCATED, AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS PROPER UNDER ITS DISCRETION.

(6) Except as provided in sections 24-46-104.3 and 24-46-107
SECTIONS 24-46-104.3, 24-46-107, AND 24-46-108, if the amount of the
credit allowed in this section exceeds the amount of income taxes
otherwise due on the taxpayer's income in the income tax year for which

the credit is being claimed, the amount of the credit not used as an offset against income taxes in the current income tax year AND NOT USED TO CLAIM A REFUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46-108 may be carried forward and used as a credit against subsequent years' income tax liability for a period not to exceed ten years and shall be applied first to the earliest income tax years possible. Any credit remaining after said period shall not be refunded or credited to the taxpayer.

8 SECTION 8. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, 9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate 10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.