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**HOUSE BILL 26-1222**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE MODIFICATION OF TAX EXPENDITURES, AND, IN**  
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING ADDITIONS TO THE**  
103 **DEFINITION OF FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME FOR TAX YEARS**  
104 **COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, AND CREATING**  
105 **THE FAMILY AFFORDABILITY CREDIT.**

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**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 <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Recent changes to the federal income tax code significantly increased the amount of business-related expenses that may be deducted

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for federal income tax purposes as follows:

- Expanded the business interest deduction limitation pursuant to section 163 (j) of the internal revenue code (IRC) by adding back depreciation, amortization, and depletion for calculation of adjusted taxable income and determination of the deduction base, resulting in many taxpayers, especially capital intensive businesses, being able to deduct a larger portion of their business interest expense;
- Expanded the bonus depreciation deduction pursuant to section 168 (k) of the IRC by permanently restoring the 100% first-year bonus depreciation deduction for "qualified property" acquired and placed in service on or after January 20, 2025;
- Created an elective 100% depreciation deduction in section 168 (n) of the IRC for "qualified production property", which is property largely tied to manufacturing, production, or refining facilities and that would not otherwise qualify for section 168 (k) bonus depreciation; and
- Created a new section 174A of the IRC that allows taxpayers to immediately deduct domestic research and experimental expenditures paid or incurred during the taxable year, rather than requiring such costs to be capitalized and amortized over time.

Because the state income tax is imposed on federal taxable income, these changes to the definition of federal income also exclude these business-related expenses from state income taxation. The bill reverses these changes to the federal tax code for purposes of the state income tax code and creates a new tax credit using the resulting revenue.

**Sections 2 and 4** of the bill provide, for income tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2027, that individual and corporate state income taxpayers must add the following to their federal taxable income for purposes of applying the state income tax:

- An amount equal to the federal deduction claimed by the taxpayer for business interest pursuant to the limitation in section 163 (j) of the IRC to the extent the amount exceeds the amount the taxpayer would have been allowed to claim before the limitation was changed as described above;
- An amount equal to the federal deduction claimed by the taxpayer for qualified property depreciation pursuant to section 168 (k) of the IRC to the extent the amount claimed exceeds the amount the taxpayer would have been allowed to claim under section 168 (k) prior to the change described above; except that, the taxpayer may reduce the amount required to be added back by the amount of depreciation

the taxpayer would have been allowed to claim for the taxable year with respect to the same property pursuant to any section other than section 168 (k) of the IRC prior to the recent federal changes;

- An amount equal to the federal deduction claimed by the taxpayer for qualified production property depreciation pursuant to section 168 (n) of the IRC; except that, the taxpayer may reduce the amount required to be added back by the amount of depreciation the taxpayer would have been allowed to claim for the taxable year with respect to the same property pursuant to any section other than section 168 (k) of the IRC prior to the recent federal change; and
- An amount equal to the federal deduction claimed by the taxpayer for the income tax year for domestic research and experimental expenditures pursuant to section 174A of the IRC; except that, the taxpayer may reduce the amount required to be added back by the amount of the deduction the taxpayer would have been allowed to claim for the taxable year with respect to the same research and experimental expenditures pursuant to section 174 of the IRC prior to the recent federal changes.

**Sections 2 and 4** allow taxpayers who are required to make additions to their federal taxable income pursuant to the new provisions to subtract the amounts of their disallowed federal deductions over time, using time periods that reflect how the property or expense would have been treated prior to the recent changes to the federal tax code.

**Section 3** creates a new tax credit. The new tax credit allows taxpayers to claim a refundable tax credit, in addition to the child tax credit and the family affordability tax credit, in an amount determined by the amount and age of the taxpayer's children and the taxpayer's income. The total amount of the new tax credit is adjusted annually based on legislative council staff projections, such that the total amount of the new tax credit claimed in an income tax year is projected to be the same as the amount of revenue raised in **sections 2 and 4**.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.**

3 (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

4 (a) The general assembly has an ongoing responsibility to review,  
5 evaluate, and update the state tax code within constitutional limitations

1 to ensure that the state code is effective, equitable, and aligned with  
2 Colorado's priorities;

3 (b) (I) Recent changes in the federal tax code materially expanded  
4 certain business-related deductions, including deductions related to  
5 business interest expense, bonus depreciation, qualified production  
6 property, and domestic research and experimental expenditures (business  
7 deductions).

8 (II) The business deductions significantly reduce federal taxable  
9 income without regard to a taxpayer's ability to pay or connection to  
10 household economic security.

11 (c) (I) Colorado state income tax is determined based on the  
12 amount of a person's federal taxable income.

13 (II) The material expansion of the federal business deductions  
14 modified the computation of federal taxable income and so impacted  
15 Colorado state income tax revenue.

16 (III) The net impact of the recent federal tax code modification to  
17 the computation of federal taxable income was a reduction in state  
18 income tax revenue.

19 (IV) The amount and availability of the family affordability tax  
20 credit is determined in part by the amount of state income tax revenue.

21 (V) Therefore, by modifying the computation of federal taxable  
22 income, the expansion of the business deductions impacted the amount  
23 and availability of the family affordability tax credit.

24 (VI) At least in part due to the enactment of recent changes to the  
25 federal tax code, the family affordability tax credit will not be available  
26 for the 2026 state income tax year and will be available in a reduced  
27 amount for income tax years 2027 and 2028.

1 (d) (I) In establishing the family affordability tax credit, the  
2 general assembly found and declared that:

3 (A) Colorado families struggle to afford many necessary goods  
4 and services, such as child care, housing, and health care. Eighty-three  
5 percent of Colorado parents worry that their children won't be able to  
6 afford to live in the state in the future.

7 (B) Targeted tax credits are a proven tool to lift families out of  
8 poverty. Research has shown that families that claim these types of tax  
9 credits, such as the state and federal child tax credit and the state and  
10 federal earned income tax credit, have better health, improved schooling  
11 outcomes, and increased adult earning potential. As the cost of raising  
12 children has increased, a family affordability tax credit is critical for the  
13 well-being of many children and families across Colorado.

14 (C) According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy,  
15 "[t]o cut child poverty rates by half, the majority of states would require  
16 a base credit value of between three thousand dollars and four thousand  
17 five hundred dollars per child plus a twenty percent boost for young  
18 children". When coupled with the state and federal earned income tax  
19 credit and the state and federal child tax credit, the additional investment  
20 provided by the family affordability tax credit would establish Colorado  
21 as a national leader in equitable economic policy.

22 (D) Colorado is dealing with rising costs and funding shortfalls in  
23 many areas across our state, and it is necessary to provide tax credits to  
24 the people who need it most in a way that will do the most good.  
25 Establishing the family affordability tax credit is a proven way to do that;  
26 and

27 (E) By prioritizing the state's lowest-income households,

1 expanding the child age eligibility, and including more families, the state  
2 can provide research-backed investments for families. Through  
3 thoughtful and strategic investment, Colorado can cut child poverty nearly  
4 in half.

5 (II) Therefore, it is a priority of Colorado to provide a tax credit  
6 that targets the same taxpayers that the family affordability tax credit  
7 targeted, to offset the reduction in the family affordability tax credit.

8 (e) (I) This House Bill 26-1222 constitutes a single comprehensive  
9 tax policy change that better aligns the state tax code with Colorado's  
10 priorities by, at least partially, mitigating the modified federal income tax  
11 code's effects on the family affordability tax credit by creating a tax credit  
12 that targets the same population that the family affordability tax credit  
13 targeted while also requiring taxpayers to add back to their taxable  
14 income only the incremental income amounts attributable to the recent  
15 expansion of the federal business deductions. The expanded business  
16 deductions disproportionately benefit large and capital-intensive  
17 businesses, while providing little or no direct benefit to low- and  
18 moderate-income households, which households are particularly sensitive  
19 to changes in tax policy and public investment. While Colorado's income  
20 tax system is designed to conform to federal law generally, state law also  
21 preserves the general assembly's authority to decouple from federal tax  
22 provisions that undermine state fiscal stability, equity, or policy priorities.  
23 This House Bill 26-1222 preserves the integrity of the state's commitment  
24 to support low-income households, while maintaining long-standing  
25 federal conformity for core income calculations and the state income tax  
26 base.

27 (II) The income tax credit created in this House Bill 26-1222

1 reduces state tax revenue in an amount equal to or greater than the  
2 amount of state revenue gain attributable to the changes made in this  
3 House Bill 26-1222;

4 (III) Any net district revenue gain resulting from the tax policy  
5 change in this House Bill 26-1222 is incidental and de minimis; and

6 (IV) Therefore, consistent with the Colorado Supreme Court's  
7 holding in *TABOR Found. v. Reg'l Transp. Dist.*, 2018 CO 29, that a tax  
8 policy change that causes either no net district tax revenue gain or a net  
9 district tax revenue gain that is only incidental and de minimis does not  
10 require voter approval under section 20 (4)(a) of article X of the state  
11 constitution, this House Bill 26-1222 is not a tax policy change that  
12 requires voter approval.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-104, **add**  
14 (3)(v), (3)(w), (3)(x), (3)(y), and (4)(ff) as follows:

15 **39-22-104. Income tax imposed on individuals, estates, and**  
16 **trusts - single rate - report - tax preference performance statement**  
17 **- legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.**

18 (3) There shall be added to the federal taxable income:

19 (v) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
20 1, 2027, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION CLAIMED BY THE  
21 TAXPAYER FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR FOR BUSINESS INTEREST PURSUANT  
22 TO SECTION 163 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE EXTENT THE  
23 AMOUNT CLAIMED EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT THE TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE  
24 BEEN ALLOWED TO CLAIM PURSUANT TO THE LIMITATION ON BUSINESS  
25 INTEREST SET FORTH IN SECTION 163 (j) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
26 WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY AMENDMENT BY PUB. L. 119-21;

27 (w) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY

1 1, 2027, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION CLAIMED BY THE  
2 TAXPAYER FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR FOR QUALIFIED PROPERTY  
3 DEPRECIATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 168 (k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
4 CODE TO THE EXTENT THE AMOUNT CLAIMED EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT THE  
5 TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO CLAIM PURSUANT TO SECTION  
6 168 (k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY  
7 AMENDMENT BY PUB. L. 119-21; EXCEPT THAT, THE TAXPAYER MAY  
8 REDUCE THE AMOUNT OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE ADDED TO THE  
9 TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
10 (3)(w) BY THE AMOUNT OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY DEPRECIATION THE  
11 TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO CLAIM FOR THE INCOME TAX  
12 YEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ANY SECTION  
13 OTHER THAN SECTION 168 (k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITHOUT  
14 REGARD TO ANY AMENDMENT BY PUB. L. 119-21;

15 (x) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
16 1, 2027, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION CLAIMED BY THE  
17 TAXPAYER FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR FOR QUALIFIED PRODUCTION  
18 PROPERTY DEPRECIATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 168 (n) OF THE INTERNAL  
19 REVENUE CODE; EXCEPT THAT, THE TAXPAYER MAY REDUCE THE AMOUNT  
20 OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE ADDED TO THE TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL  
21 TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(x) BY THE AMOUNT  
22 OF QUALIFIED PRODUCTION PROPERTY DEPRECIATION THE TAXPAYER  
23 WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO CLAIM FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR WITH  
24 RESPECT TO THE SAME PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ANY SECTION OTHER THAN  
25 SECTION 168 (k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITHOUT REGARD TO  
26 ANY AMENDMENT BY PUB. L. 119-21; AND

27 (y) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY

1 1, 2027, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION CLAIMED BY THE  
2 TAXPAYER FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR FOR DOMESTIC RESEARCH AND  
3 EXPERIMENTAL EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 174A OF THE  
4 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; EXCEPT THAT, THE TAXPAYER MAY REDUCE  
5 THE AMOUNT OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE ADDED TO THE TAXPAYER'S  
6 FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(y) BY THE  
7 AMOUNT OF THE DEDUCTION THE TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED  
8 TO CLAIM FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME  
9 RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 174  
10 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY AMENDMENT  
11 BY PUB. L. 119-21.

12 (4) There shall be subtracted from federal taxable income:

13 (ff) (I) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER  
14 JANUARY 1, 2028, A TAXPAYER REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ADDITION TO  
15 FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(v), (3)(w),  
16 (3)(x), OR (3)(y) OF THIS SECTION, IS ALLOWED TO APPLY THE FOLLOWING  
17 SUBTRACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (4)(ff):

18 (A) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-FIFTH OF THE CUMULATIVE  
19 AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS REQUIRED BY  
20 SUBSECTION (3)(v) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE FIVE INCOME TAX  
21 YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE  
22 ADDITION WAS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(v) OF THIS  
23 SECTION;

24 (B) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-TENTH OF THE CUMULATIVE  
25 AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS REQUIRED BY  
26 SUBSECTION (3)(w) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE TEN INCOME TAX  
27 YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE

1 ADDITION WAS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(w) OF THIS  
2 SECTION;

3 (C) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE THIRTY-EIGHTH OF THE  
4 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS REQUIRED  
5 BY SUBSECTION (3)(x) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT  
6 INCOME TAX YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN  
7 WHICH THE ADDITION WAS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(x) OF  
8 THIS SECTION; AND

9 (D) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-FOURTH OF THE CUMULATIVE  
10 AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS REQUIRED BY  
11 SUBSECTION (3)(y) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE FOUR INCOME TAX  
12 YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE  
13 ADDITION WAS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(y) OF THIS  
14 SECTION.

15 (II) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EACH SUBTRACTION ALLOWED  
16 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (4)(ff)(I)(A), (4)(ff)(I)(B), (4)(ff)(I)(C), AND  
17 (4)(ff)(I)(D) OF THIS SECTION FOR A TAXPAYER SHALL NOT EXCEED THE  
18 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT  
19 TO EACH CORRESPONDING ADDITION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (3)(v),  
20 (3)(w), (3)(x), AND (3)(y) OF THIS SECTION FOR THAT SAME TAXPAYER.

21 (III) THE SUBTRACTIONS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
22 (4)(ff) APPLY AFTER THE APPLICATION OF THE OTHER SUBTRACTIONS  
23 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBSECTION (4), EXCEPT FOR THE SUBTRACTION  
24 ALLOWED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(z) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE  
25 AMOUNT OF THE SUBTRACTIONS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (4)(ff)  
26 EXCEEDS A TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS CALCULATED  
27 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE SUBTRACTION

1 ALLOWED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(z) OF THIS SECTION, THE AMOUNT  
2 NOT SUBTRACTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME  
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD AND USED AS A  
4 SUBTRACTION FROM THE TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS  
5 CALCULATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE  
6 SUBTRACTION ALLOWED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(z) OF THIS  
7 SECTION IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TEN YEARS  
8 AND MUST BE APPLIED FIRST TO THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INCOME TAX  
9 YEAR. ANY SUBTRACTION REMAINING AFTER THE PERIOD IS NOT  
10 REFUNDED OR CREDITED TO THE ■ TAXPAYER.

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 39-22-131 as  
12 follows:

13 **39-22-131. Family affordability credit - tax preference**  
14 **performance statement - legislative declaration - definitions.**

15 (1) (a) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 39-21-304 (1), WHICH  
16 REQUIRES EACH BILL THAT CREATES A NEW TAX EXPENDITURE TO INCLUDE  
17 A TAX PREFERENCE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT AS PART OF A STATUTORY  
18 LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND  
19 DECLARES THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE INCOME TAX CREDIT CREATED IN  
20 THIS SECTION ARE THE SAME AS THE FAMILY AFFORDABILITY TAX CREDIT:  
21 TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE CHILD POVERTY, MAKE COLORADO MORE  
22 AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES, AND HELP FAMILIES AFFORD EXPENSES  
23 ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING CHILDREN BY PROVIDING TAX RELIEF FOR  
24 CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

25 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE AUDITOR, IN  
26 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL MEASURE THE  
27 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INCOME TAX CREDIT CREATED IN THIS SECTION IN

1 COMBINATION WITH THE FAMILY AFFORDABILITY TAX CREDIT AND, IN THE  
2 SAME MANNER AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE AUDITOR  
3 MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FAMILY AFFORDABILITY TAX CREDIT  
4 BY DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF COLORADO FAMILIES THAT, AFTER  
5 CLAIMING A CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE FAMILY  
6 AFFORDABILITY CREDIT, NO LONGER FALL BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY  
7 LEVEL IN THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH THEY CLAIMED THE CREDITS.

8 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
9 REQUIRES:

10 (a) "CREDIT" MEANS THE CREDIT AGAINST INCOME TAX CREATED  
11 IN THIS SECTION.

12 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

13 (c) "ELIGIBLE CHILD" MEANS A QUALIFYING CHILD, AS DEFINED IN  
14 SECTION 152 (c) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986";  
15 EXCEPT THAT THE AGE REQUIREMENTS ARE SET FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS  
16 (3)(a)(I), (3)(a)(II), (3)(b)(I), AND (3)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (d) "FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL" MEANS THE POVERTY LINE THAT  
18 IS REQUIRED TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY WITHIN THE FEDERAL POVERTY  
19 GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
20 AND HUMAN SERVICES PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC. 9902 (2).

21 (e) "INFLATION" MEANS THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE  
22 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS  
23 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD FOR ALL  
24 ITEMS PAID BY ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, OR ITS APPLICABLE SUCCESSOR  
25 INDEX.

26 (f) "JOINT FILER ADJUSTED BASE INCOME" MEANS, FOR INCOME  
27 TAX YEARS COMMENCING BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2034, AN AMOUNT OF

1 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF ADJUSTED GROSS  
2 INCOME DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
3 39-22-130 (7) TO BE NECESSARY FOR TWO RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS WHO  
4 FILE A JOINT RETURN TO QUALIFY FOR THE FAMILY AFFORDABILITY TAX  
5 CREDIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-22-130 FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR  
6 COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2027.

7 (g) "SINGLE FILER ADJUSTED BASE INCOME" MEANS, FOR INCOME  
8 TAX YEARS COMMENCING BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2034, AN AMOUNT OF  
9 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF ADJUSTED GROSS  
10 INCOME DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 39-22-130 (7) TO BE NECESSARY FOR A SINGLE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL WHO  
12 FILES A SINGLE RETURN TO QUALIFY FOR THE FAMILY AFFORDABILITY TAX  
13 CREDIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-22-130 FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR  
14 COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2027.

15 (3) (a) IN ADDITION TO THE CHILD TAX CREDIT ALLOWED BY  
16 SECTION 39-22-129 AND THE FAMILY AFFORDABILITY TAX CREDIT  
17 ALLOWED BY SECTION 39-22-130, FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING  
18 ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, A RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES A  
19 SINGLE RETURN IS ALLOWED A CREDIT AGAINST THE INCOME TAXES  
20 IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 22 FOR:

21 (I) EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS  
22 FIVE YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER AT THE CLOSE OF THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN  
23 AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
24 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION; AND

25 (II) EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SIX  
26 YEARS OLD OR OLDER BUT LESS THAN SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AT THE  
27 CLOSE OF THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN AN AMOUNT THAT IS SEVENTY-FIVE

1 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT ALLOWED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS  
2 SECTION.

3 (b) IN ADDITION TO THE CHILD TAX CREDIT ALLOWED BY SECTION  
4 39-22-129 AND THE FAMILY AFFORDABILITY TAX CREDIT ALLOWED BY  
5 SECTION 39-22-130, FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER  
6 JANUARY 1, 2027, TWO RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS WHO FILE A JOINT RETURN  
7 ARE ALLOWED A FAMILY AFFORDABILITY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE  
8 INCOME TAXES DUE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 22 FOR:

9 (I) EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS  
10 FIVE YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER AT THE CLOSE OF THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN  
11 AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
12 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION; AND

13 (II) EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SIX  
14 YEARS OLD OR OLDER BUT LESS THAN SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AT THE  
15 CLOSE OF THE INCOME TAX YEAR IN AN AMOUNT THAT IS SEVENTY-FIVE  
16 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT ALLOWED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b)(I) OF THIS  
17 SECTION.

18 (4) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, FOR  
19 INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, THE  
20 CREDIT AMOUNTS IN:

21 (I) SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION ARE REDUCED, BUT NOT  
22 BELOW ZERO, BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SIX AND EIGHT HUNDRED  
23 SEVENTY-FIVE ONE-THOUSANDTHS PERCENT FOR EACH FIVE THOUSAND  
24 DOLLARS BY WHICH A RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL'S ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME  
25 EXCEEDS THE SINGLE FILER ADJUSTED BASE INCOME; AND

26 (II) SUBSECTION (3)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION ARE REDUCED, BUT NOT  
27 BELOW ZERO, BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SIX AND EIGHT HUNDRED

1 SEVENTY-FIVE ONE-THOUSANDTHS PERCENT FOR EACH FIVE THOUSAND  
2 DOLLARS BY WHICH TWO RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS' ADJUSTED GROSS  
3 INCOME EXCEEDS THE JOINT FILER ADJUSTED BASED INCOME.

4 (b) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
5 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADJUST THE JOINT FILER ADJUSTED BASE  
6 INCOME AND SINGLE FILER ADJUSTED BASE INCOME TO REFLECT INFLATION  
7 FOR EACH INCOME TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE CREDIT DESCRIBED IN THIS  
8 SECTION IS ALLOWED IF CUMULATIVE INFLATION SINCE THE LAST  
9 ADJUSTMENT, WHEN APPLIED TO THE CURRENT LIMITS, RESULTS IN AN  
10 INCREASE OF AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WHEN THE ADJUSTED  
11 LIMITS ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

12 (5) BEGINNING WITH THE QUARTERLY DECEMBER REVENUE  
13 FORECAST THAT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF PRESENTS IN DECEMBER OF  
14 2027, AND FOR EACH DECEMBER REVENUE FORECAST THEREAFTER, AS  
15 PART OF THE QUARTERLY DECEMBER REVENUE FORECAST, LEGISLATIVE  
16 COUNCIL STAFF SHALL DETERMINE:

17 (a) FOR THE CURRENT INCOME TAX YEAR, A PROJECTION OF THE  
18 NET AMOUNT OF REVENUE GAIN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE  
19 CHANGES MADE IN THIS HOUSE BILL 26-1222, NOTWITHSTANDING THE  
20 TAX CREDIT CREATED IN THIS SECTION;

21 (b) A DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO  
22 SUBSECTIONS (3)(a)(I) AND (3)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, WHICH DOLLAR  
23 AMOUNT MUST BE THE SAME FOR BOTH SUBSECTIONS (3)(a)(I) AND  
24 (3)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, SUCH THAT THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
25 COUNCIL PROJECTS, FOR THE CURRENT STATE INCOME TAX YEAR, THAT  
26 THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CREDITS CLAIMED PURSUANT TO  
27 SUBSECTION (3) WILL EQUAL THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT STAFF OF THE

1 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DETERMINE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF  
2 THIS SECTION.

3 (6) NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE QUARTERLY  
4 DECEMBER REVENUE FORECAST THAT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF  
5 PRESENTS IN DECEMBER OF 2028, AND EACH DECEMBER REVENUE  
6 FORECAST THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DELIVER A REPORT TO  
7 THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT DESCRIBES THE REVENUE  
8 GAIN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CHANGES MADE IN THIS HOUSE  
9 BILL 26-1222 FOR THE PREVIOUS INCOME TAX YEAR, NOTWITHSTANDING  
10 THE TAX CREDIT CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

11 (7) IN THE CASE OF A PART-YEAR RESIDENT, THE CREDIT ALLOWED  
12 UNDER THIS SECTION IS APPORTIONED IN THE RATIO DETERMINED UNDER  
13 SECTION 39-22-110 (1).

14 (8) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT  
15 CONSIDERED TO BE INCOME OR RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
16 DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
17 BENEFITS AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS AUTHORIZED UNDER STATE  
18 LAW OR FOR A PAYMENT MADE UNDER ANY OTHER PUBLICLY FUNDED  
19 PROGRAM.

20 (9) THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION  
21 THAT EXCEEDS THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL'S INCOME TAXES DUE IS  
22 REFUNDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

23 (10) THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED TO  
24 DEVELOP A MEANS OF REFUNDING THE CREDITS ALLOWED BY THIS SECTION  
25 TO RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE CREDITS IN TWELVE  
26 EQUAL MONTHLY REFUNDS RATHER THAN ANNUALLY.

27 (11) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 39-21-304(4), THE CREDIT DOES

1 NOT REPEAL AFTER A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TAX YEARS.

2 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-304, **add**  
3 (2)(m), (2)(n), (2)(o), (2)(p), and (3)(u) as follows:

4 **39-22-304. Net income of corporation - legislative declaration**  
5 **- definitions - repeal.**

6 (2) There shall be added to federal taxable income:

7 (m) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
8 1, 2027, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION CLAIMED BY THE  
9 TAXPAYER FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR FOR BUSINESS INTEREST PURSUANT  
10 TO SECTION 163 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE EXTENT THE  
11 AMOUNT CLAIMED EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT THE TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE  
12 BEEN ALLOWED TO CLAIM PURSUANT TO THE LIMITATION ON BUSINESS  
13 INTEREST SET FORTH IN SECTION 163 (j) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
14 WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY AMENDMENT BY PUB. L. 119-21;

15 (n) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
16 1, 2027, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION CLAIMED BY THE  
17 TAXPAYER FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR FOR QUALIFIED PROPERTY  
18 DEPRECIATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 168 (k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
19 CODE TO THE EXTENT THE AMOUNT CLAIMED EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT THE  
20 TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO CLAIM PURSUANT TO SECTION  
21 168 (k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY  
22 AMENDMENT BY PUB. L. 119-21; EXCEPT THAT, THE TAXPAYER MAY  
23 REDUCE THE AMOUNT OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE ADDED TO THE  
24 TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
25 (2)(n) BY THE AMOUNT OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY DEPRECIATION THE  
26 TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO CLAIM FOR THE STATE  
27 INCOME TAX YEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME PROPERTY PURSUANT TO

1 ANY SECTION OTHER THAN SECTION 168 (k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
2 CODE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY AMENDMENT BY PUB. L. 119-21;

3 (o) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
4 1, 2027, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION CLAIMED BY THE  
5 TAXPAYER FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR FOR QUALIFIED PRODUCTION  
6 PROPERTY DEPRECIATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 168 (n) OF THE INTERNAL  
7 REVENUE CODE; EXCEPT THAT, THE TAXPAYER MAY REDUCE THE AMOUNT  
8 OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE ADDED TO THE TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL  
9 TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(o) BY THE AMOUNT  
10 OF QUALIFIED PRODUCTION PROPERTY DEPRECIATION THE TAXPAYER  
11 WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO CLAIM FOR THE STATE INCOME TAX YEAR  
12 WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ANY SECTION OTHER  
13 THAN SECTION 168 (k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITHOUT REGARD  
14 TO ANY AMENDMENT BY PUB. L. 119-21;

15 (p) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
16 1, 2027, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION CLAIMED BY THE  
17 TAXPAYER FOR THE INCOME TAX YEAR FOR DOMESTIC RESEARCH AND  
18 EXPERIMENTAL EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 174A OF THE  
19 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; EXCEPT THAT, THE TAXPAYER MAY REDUCE  
20 THE AMOUNT OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE ADDED TO THE TAXPAYER'S  
21 FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(p) BY THE  
22 AMOUNT OF THE DEDUCTION THE TAXPAYER WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED  
23 TO CLAIM FOR THE STATE INCOME TAX YEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME  
24 RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 174  
25 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY AMENDMENT  
26 BY PUB. L. 119-21.

27 (3) There shall be subtracted from federal taxable income:

1 (u) (I) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER  
2 JANUARY 1, 2028, A TAXPAYER REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ADDITION TO  
3 FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(m), (2)(n),  
4 (2)(o), OR (2)(p) OF THIS SECTION, IS ALLOWED TO APPLY THE FOLLOWING  
5 SUBTRACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (3)(u):

6 (A) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-FIFTH OF THE CUMULATIVE  
7 AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS REQUIRED BY  
8 SUBSECTION (2)(m) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE FIVE STATE INCOME  
9 TAX YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE STATE INCOME TAX YEAR IN  
10 WHICH THE ADDITION WAS REQUIRED;

11 (B) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-TENTH OF THE CUMULATIVE  
12 AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS REQUIRED BY  
13 SUBSECTION (2)(n) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE TEN TAXABLE  
14 YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE  
15 ADDITION WAS REQUIRED;

16 (C) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE THIRTY-EIGHTH OF THE  
17 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS REQUIRED  
18 BY SUBSECTION (2)(o) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT  
19 STATE INCOME TAX YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE STATE INCOME  
20 TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE ADDITION WAS REQUIRED; AND

21 (D) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-FOURTH OF THE CUMULATIVE  
22 AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS REQUIRED BY  
23 SUBSECTION (2)(p) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE FOUR STATE INCOME  
24 TAX YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE STATE INCOME TAX YEAR IN  
25 WHICH THE ADDITION WAS REQUIRED.

26 (II) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EACH SUBTRACTION ALLOWED  
27 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (3)(u)(I)(A), (3)(u)(I)(B), (3)(u)(I)(C), AND

1 (3)(u)(I)(D) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED THE CUMULATIVE  
2 AMOUNT ADDED TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT TO EACH  
3 CORRESPONDING ADDITION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (2)(m), (2)(n),  
4 (2)(o), AND (2)(p) OF THIS SECTION.

5 (III) THE SUBTRACTIONS ALLOWED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(u)  
6 APPLY AFTER THE APPLICATION OF THE OTHER SUBTRACTIONS PROVIDED  
7 FOR IN THIS SUBSECTION (3), EXCEPT FOR THE SUBTRACTION ALLOWED  
8 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(p) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE  
9 SUBTRACTIONS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3)(u) EXCEEDS A  
10 TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS CALCULATED PURSUANT TO  
11 THIS SECTION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE SUBTRACTION ALLOWED  
12 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(p) OF THIS SECTION, THE AMOUNT NOT  
13 SUBTRACTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME  
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD AND USED AS A  
15 SUBTRACTION FROM THE TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME AS  
16 CALCULATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE  
17 SUBTRACTION ALLOWED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(p) OF THIS  
18 SECTION IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TEN YEARS  
19 AND MUST BE APPLIED FIRST TO THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INCOME TAX  
20 YEAR. ANY SUBTRACTION REMAINING AFTER THE PERIOD IS NOT  
21 REFUNDED OR CREDITED TO THE TAXPAYER.

22 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
25 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
26 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
27 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act

1 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
2 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
3 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.