



THE
POLICY
PROJECT

House Bill 290 Child Tax Credit Amendments

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The Problem



Families eligible for Utah's Child Tax Credit can claim up to \$1,000 per child, but married couples filing jointly are only **eligible if their income is \$54,000 or below**. Many Utah families earning just above this limit still struggle to cover basic expenses and could benefit from additional support.



7 in 10

Americans say raising children is unaffordable, a 20% increase since 2015.

“The options I had no longer seem available for my grown children, and they aren't sure if Utah is the best place for them to stay and work.”

South Jordan, Utah

The Solution

Increase the income eligibility threshold for Utah's Child Tax Credit by \$7,000 so more working families qualify.



Funding: \$7.1 million ongoing

Governor Cox prioritized expanding the state child tax credit in his FY27 Budget Recommendations.



The Potential Impact

18,300

working families benefiting
from Utah's CTC

19,000 to 31,000

children ages
0 to 5 supported

Expanded CTC payments are associated with lower food insecurity, reduced child poverty, and better health and educational outcomes for children.

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