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POLICY  
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# House Bill 290 Child Tax Credit Amendments

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# The Problem

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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.

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**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

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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

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**18,300**

working families benefiting  
from Utah's CTC

**19,000 to 31,000**

children ages  
0 to 5 supported

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

# STORIES FROM ACROSS THE STATE

