



CUTTING POVERTY, BOOSTING INCOMES

SUPPORTING WORKERS



Increasing Financial Support for Working Families and Vulnerable Coloradans

Colorado Democrats passed legislation to ensure tax credits for working families remain robust in years to come. These credits will return hundreds of millions of dollars to hardworking Coloradans ([HB24-1134](#)). Lawmakers also increased a tax credit for child care expenses, saving families millions ([HB24-1134](#)).

Democrats passed a historic tax package that will return \$450 million to all Coloradans ([SB24-228](#)) and cut child poverty nearly in half by creating the Family Affordability Tax Credit that will put \$650 million directly into the pockets of hardworking families with children making under \$85,000 ([HB24-1311](#)).

Democrats returned \$40 million to Coloradans who provide care in a variety of settings including in child care, home health care, personal care, nursing care, or care for a family member, friend or neighbor ([HB24-1312](#)). Lawmakers also made it easier for seniors and Coloradans with disabilities to receive property tax, rent and heat assistance ([HB24-1268](#)).

Boosting Rural Economies and Agriculture

The General Assembly passed bipartisan legislation to extend and expand the Rural Jump Start Program and tax credits, which create jobs and support small businesses in rural communities ([HB24-1001](#)). New legislation will spur economic development in rail-connected communities in traditionally coal-based economies ([SB24-190](#)), and additional state incentives will support conservation easements ([SB24-126](#)), and agriculture stewardship ([HB24-1249](#)).

Lawmakers also passed legislation to address rural and frontier health care workforce shortages, and increased tax credits for wildfire mitigation ([HB24-1036](#)).

Protecting Coloradans in the Workplace

Colorado Democrats passed legislation to protect workers in Colorado by increasing transparency for transportation network drivers like those for Uber and Lyft and delivery drivers for companies like Grubhub and Doordash ([HB24-1129](#); [SB24-075](#)), cracking down on child labor violations ([HB24-1095](#)) and ensuring better safety protocols for freight rail ([HB24-1030](#)). The legislature also passed bills to increase worker compensation benefits and eligibility ([HB24-1220](#)) and promote educator safety ([HB24-1320](#)).