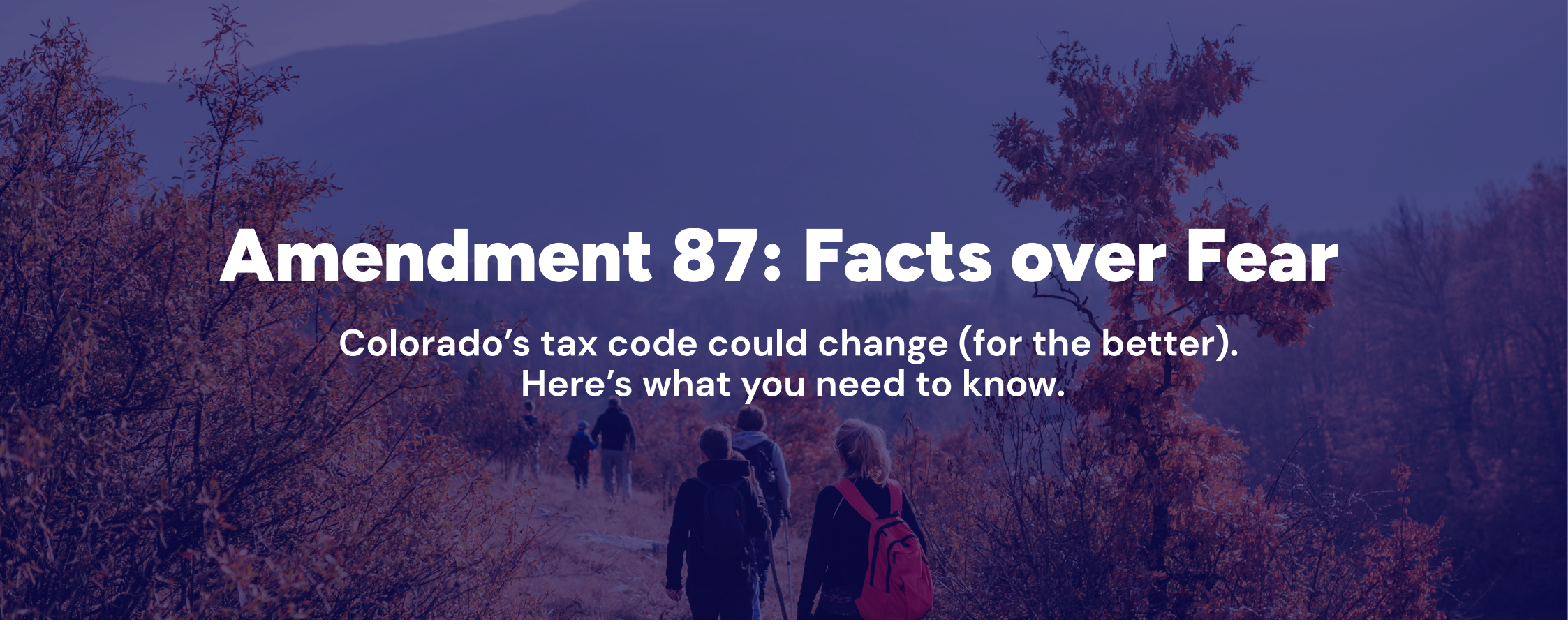


Amendment 87: Facts over Fear

Colorado's tax code could change (for the better). Here's what you need to know.

Colorado is one of just 12 states that still uses a flat income tax. That means everyone pays the same rate, even though higher-income households often pay a smaller share of their income in state and local taxes overall. Amendment 87 would switch Colorado to a graduated income tax, lowering rates on the first $100,000 of taxable income, keeping the current rate from $100,000 to $500,000 and raising rates above $500,000. The state's official analysis estimates that 97% of Colorado taxpayers would get a tax cut.

Colorado Taxable Income	Current Rate	Amendment 87 Rate
$25,000 or less	4.4%	3.7%
$25,001 to $100,000	4.4%	4.2%
$100,001 to $500,000	4.4%	4.4%
$500,001 to $750,000	4.4%	7.4%
$750,001 to $1 million	4.4%	7.9%
More than $1 million	4.4%	8.4%

Higher tax rates apply only to the income within that bracket, not every dollar you earn.

THE NUMBER TO REMEMBER

$510,834

Unless your Colorado taxable income is **above** this amount, you would not pay more overall under Amendment 87

WHO WOULD AMENDMENT 87 IMPACT?

97%

OF TAXPAYERS
Are estimated to receive a tax cut

99.5%

OF TAXPAYERS AGE 65+
had personal income below $500,000 in 2024

99.2%

OF VETERAN TAXPAYERS
had personal income at or below $500,000 in 2024

95%

OF SMALL BUSINESSES
are estimated to pay less under Amendment 87



NO, AMENDMENT 87 WILL NOT MAKE RETIREMENT INCOME TAXABLE.

The measure changes the tax rates applied after Colorado taxable income is calculated. It does not eliminate existing Social Security, pension, annuity or qualifying military retirement tax provisions.

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HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT AMENDMENT 87? LET'S CHECK THE FACTS.

"AMENDMENT 87 WILL ELIMINATE TABOR REFUNDS"

FALSE

Amendment 87 would not change the existing TABOR refund calculation. Revenue that would have been collected under the current tax system would still count toward the TABOR limit. Only the additional revenue created by Amendment 87 would be exempt and dedicated to the purposes listed in the measure.

"SMALL BUSINESSES ARE GOING TO SUFFER."

FALSE

"Small business" describes a business's size, not how it pays taxes. Under Amendment 87, what matters is taxable income, not gross sales. CFI's analysis found that 98% of Coloradans reporting positive self-employment income had personal income below $500,000 in 2024.

"OLDER ADULTS AND VETERANS WILL PAY MORE STATE TAXES"

FALSE

Amendment 87 does not change the rules used to calculate Colorado taxable income or eliminate existing retirement-income provisions. Nearly all Colorado older adults and veterans also fall below the income level where the higher rates begin.

"MILLIONAIRES AND BUSINESSES WILL JUST LEAVE COLORADO."

FALSE

Research examining major tax changes has found relatively small migration effects. For corporations, Colorado also uses a single-sales-factor formula, meaning multistate corporations are taxed based on sales made in Colorado. Moving a headquarters does not eliminate Colorado tax liability on Colorado sales.

HOW MUCH MONEY WOULD AMENDMENT 87 RAISE?

Current nonpartisan forecasts estimate:

$1.97 BILLION in FY 2027-28

$2.09 BILLION in FY 2028-29

The $2.7 billion figure printed in the ballot title is the maximum annual tax increase stated in the ballot title, not the current forecast for a full fiscal year.

WHERE WOULD THE MONEY RAISED BY AMENDMENT 87 GO?

Revenue raised by Amendment 87 is not a blank check for politicians. The measure restricts the new revenue to K-12 public education, health care, and early childhood care and education. The money must be kept in a separate fund and is subject to accountability requirements, including annual reporting and an independent audit.

PROTECT COLORADO'S FUTURE

LOOK AT THE NUMBERS. CHECK THE SOURCES. DECIDE FOR YOURSELF.

CFI reviewed tax rules, Census data, state revenue data, official fiscal analyses and academic research to build our full Amendment 87 FAQ. To learn more about the coalition supporting Amendment 87 and ways to get involved, visit: protectcoloradosfuture.com

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