

General Assembly credit card bill will cost small businesses time and money



The Colorado General Assembly is weighing legislation to regulate credit cards in ways that will hurt small businesses and their workers – businesses that are essential to the state's economic growth.

House Bill 1282 would create new regulations on electronic transactions that could force taxes and tips to be separated

from the bill for the main purchase.

This will saddle small and medium sized businesses (SMBs) with new costs – ranging from having to buy new equipment and spend money on compliance costs, to adjusting wage structures and retraining employees.



This regulation would force businesses to pay thousands of dollars to upgrade technology systems while creating a new problem: how to collect taxes.



This would also require restaurants and service-based businesses to separate out taxes and tips from the main card purchase – jeopardizing the tips that service workers rely on, particularly given that few people carry cash.

The bill would also be subject to a legal battle – costing the state. A [federal court recently ruled](#) that a similar bill that passed in Illinois was illegal and could only be enforced on businesses based in that state – discriminating against local businesses by forcing burdensome regulations on them while businesses based outside the state were exempt.

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