

HB 25-1282: PAYMENT CARD NETWORK PRACTICES & FEES

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill restricts how payment card networks set interchange fees and use data.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

Minimal State Workload

Local Government

State Revenue

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill restricts how credit card and other electronic payment companies (payment card networks) set interchange fees, which merchants pay per transaction. Specifically, the bill limits how fee can be set by:

- prohibiting a payment card network from fixing a fee with another payment card network or a credit card issuer;
- limiting what information, a fee formula can consider; and
- capping fees for charitable donations.

Additionally, the bill limits how data from fee transactions can be used, and what fees can be charged for a disputed transaction. The bill also establishes a civil action process and penalty amounts for remedying violations.

State Revenue and Expenditures

The bill primarily concerns contracts between private parties. Although the Department of Law serves as the administrator of the Colorado Uniform Consumer Credit Code, which the bill amends, the changes are not anticipated to affect the expenditures or revenues of the department. To the extent that civil filings with the trial courts increase, Judicial Department workload and revenue from filing fees may increase. Revenue from filing fees is subject to TABOR. No change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Similar to the state, to the extent civil cases are filed, workload and revenue for Denver County Court may increase.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect November 7, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial Regulatory Agencies
Law Revenue