



MOUNTAIN WEST
Credit Union Association

YES on HB22-1277

It's time for Colorado to join 27 other states in giving government entities the choice of using a credit union!

27 states permit state-chartered credit unions to accept public funds and permit government entities to deposit public funds in state-chartered credit unions.

Those states are: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

Credit unions are safe: credit unions carry similar levels of deposit insurance as banks; credit unions often pay higher interest rates on deposits than banks; state and local governments want and can benefit from a choice of where they deposit their funds; allowing credit unions to accept public deposits is in the public interest because it could spur competition and lead to higher earnings for public entities.

Reduced risk: Allowing credit unions to accept public funds could reduce deposit risk for state treasurers by spreading the risk of such deposits over a greater number of financial institutions.

Give governmental agencies a local choice

Market share numbers are telling. Banks are permitted to accept public funds from governmental agencies in the state. And, banks control the majority of market share, nationally, and in Colorado credit unions keep money local and invest back into the communities they serve.

Some Comparisons

	Credit Union Market Share	Bank Market Share	Out-of-State Bank Market Share
United States	8%	92%	N/A
Colorado	13.5%	86.5%	79.4%
Arizona	10.4%	89.6%	60.8%
Kansas	7.3%	92.7%	30.8%
Utah	4.8%	95.2%	16.7%
Washington	23.4%	76.6%	54.6%
Wyoming	15%	84.5%	46.4%

Source: Credit Union National Association