



# County of Yuba Board of Supervisors

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June 13, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
Chairman, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Room 5061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) Counties and cities; contracts for personal services – OPPOSE**

Dear Senator McGuire:

The full board of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors is writing once again to affirm our very strong opposition to Assembly Bill 1250. This legislation – even after undergoing numerous amendments – still inflicts unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and oversight for operational considerations that should be left to local jurisdictions. This bill, without a doubt, will be a detriment to our ability to serve residents and manage our budget.

Apparently, the mandates in AB 1250 are so onerous that the author has pledged to exempt cities from the proposed legislation, but oddly counties remain subject to the bill's requirements. This should demonstrate to all voting members in our Legislature that this bill is fundamentally flawed.


In this present economy, counties – just like cities – must constantly seek ways to maintain vital services for their residents, while identifying options to keep down costs associated with those services. The decisions made to save money on local programs or projects are never easy, but each decision must consider the responsibility we have to the taxpayers.

Contracted services are typically sought when there is a need to meet mandated requirements that call for very specific expertise, or when there is an opportunity to achieve savings and extend taxpayer dollars for important services. It should be noted that local governments often contract to hire specialized expertise in order to meet the requirements of state legislation; a good examples include CEQA mandates and medical care and case management for children with special health care needs.

Yuba County has a solid track record of hiring exceptional staff to tackle a very extensive workload, and we are greatly appreciative of the talents of each and every employee. Whenever possible, we make the effort to hire people with skills and certifications that are needed to accomplish the tasks at hand, or we work to help existing staff gain additional credentials. However, the wide-ranging and ever-changing requirements placed on local programs and projects frequently make it necessary to seek contracted assistance in order to bring in mandated expertise. We never wish to see these mandates result in the displacement of any staff, but we typically operate on a budget that has limited flexibility. A new law that could very well limit our ability to adapt staffing and contracting requirements within a set budget is both impractical and burdensome.


For the reasons stated above, all members of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors are in strong opposition to AB 1250. If you have any questions, please contact our Legislative Affairs Coordinator Russ Brown at (530) 749-7575.

Sincerely,



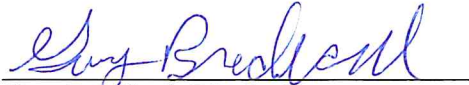
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Randy Fletcher, Chairman



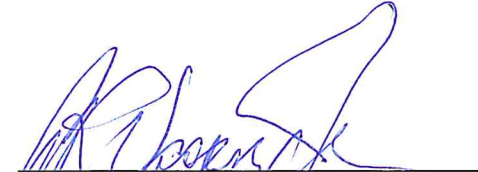
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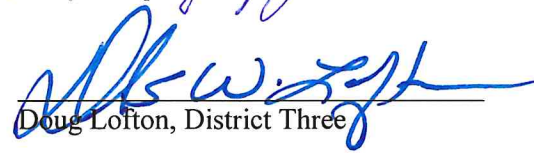
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Andy Vasquez, Vice Chair



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Doug Lofton, District Three

cc: The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Senate  
The Honorable Jim Nielsen, Senate  
The Honorable James Gallagher, Assembly  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, Vice Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
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The Honorable Ed Hernandez, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
The Honorable Robert M. Hertzberg, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
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