



COUNTY OF ALPINE
Board of Supervisors

June 20, 2017

Honorable Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 408
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). County's: Contracts for personal services.
OPPOSE – As amended May 30, 2017

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the County of Alpine, California's smallest County, I am writing to strongly urge you to OPPOSE AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). AB 1250 would undermine our County's ability to provide critical public health and safety services to our most vulnerable residents.

The bill would impose a defacto prohibition on our county's ability to contract with non-profits that are the licensed experts and community based organizations who deliver vital services to our residents and your constituents.

For example in Alpine County AB1250 would place costly and excessive restrictions on the counties ability to contract out for specialty services. AB1250 jeopardizes contracts for county services in the areas of health care, social services, mental health, public safety services and many specialized services that a small county such as Alpine County simply cannot and does not have the resources to provide. Furthermore, it severely impacts our most vulnerable residents in our community.

There is no clear definition of 'personal services' and the audit requirements will be very expensive. This bill creates onerous new burdens on contracting firms that are defined as "a corporation, partnership, non-profit organization, or sole proprietorship."

By restricting our county's ability to provide services in the most cost-effective manner, AB 1250 will also increase costs for taxpayers and reduce funding available for other local services. For many vital programs, it will not be a matter of who will provide the service but if they can even be offered at all.

Please protect services for your most vulnerable constituents. Alpine County strongly urges you to vote no on AB 1250.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Woodrow".

Terry Woodrow
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Alpine County