



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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### ASSEMBLY FLOOR LETTER

TO: Each Member, California State Assembly

FROM: Ed Berends, Legislative Representative 

RE: **AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), As Amended May 30, 2017 – OPPOSE**  
**Relating to Counties and cities: contracts for personal services**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors opposes AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer).

Current law authorizes county boards of supervisors to contract for special services on behalf of the county. Contracts are limited to specially trained, experienced persons who are expert and competent to perform prescribed special services. Additionally, Proposition 2 of 1998 permits contract outsourcing for services with the private sector, under specific circumstances, when doing so is more economical.

AB 1250 would require counties and cities to demonstrate that: 1) the contract will result in actual cost savings under outlined cost-savings standards; 2) civil service employees will not be displaced; 3) cost-savings audits are conducted based on outlined standards, the cost of which would be reimbursed by the contractor; and 4) contracts are awarded through a competitive bidding process.

AB 1250 would mandate inclusion of material breach termination clauses and would require that contractors pay wages at industry level. The measure also would impose additional disclosure requirements for contracts exceeding \$100,000 annually; information that the County would be required to track and to disclose under the California Public Records Act.

AB 1250 would establish hurdles that would unnecessarily delay the award of contracts, reduce the pool of eligible contractors that would submit proposals, increase costs and adversely impact the ability to provide essential services to County residents. The County already has pre-established processes and auditing practices to ensure legal compliance of contracts for outsourced services. AB 1250 also would eliminate exemptions granted under current law which would further inhibit the County's ability to conduct business.

We urge your **"NO"** vote on AB 1250. Please contact us at (916) 441-7888 if you have any questions.

c: Assembly Member Reggie Jones-Sawyer