



June 20, 2017

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

RE: ASSEMBLY BILL 1250 (JONES-SAWYER)  
OPPOSE

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Merced County Board of Supervisors would like to inform you of its opposition to Assembly Bill 1250, which would negatively impact our ability to provide services at the county level.

This bill would impose a de facto prohibition on our current processes for contracting with non-profits, licensed experts and community businesses to deliver vital local services. The conditions of this legislation would limit our capacity to provide services in a cost-effective manner, therefore increasing costs for taxpayers and reducing funding for critical local services. The potential fallout from this bill is enormous.

A variety of service areas stand to be impacted by this proposed legislation, including Public Health, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Human Services, administration, criminal justice and emergency response, just to name a few.

The departments that provide these services assist some of our most vulnerable populations. Restricting counties' ability to contract for expertise – that often are not available in-house – would reduce the quality of and restrict access to local services. The additional layers of bureaucracy put forth in this bill would only erode the quality of service delivery.

Furthermore, it does not seem that there is a policy problem that needs to be addressed through this type of legislation. And there are severe privacy concerns with AB 1250 proposing that private non-profits and businesses publically release the names, salary data and other information of employees providing contracting services.

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For these reasons, the Merced County Board of Supervisors strongly urges you to oppose AB 1250 and support the services that counties provide to their most at-risk populations.

Sincerely,



Daron McDaniel, Chairman  
Merced County Board of Supervisors

cc: *Honorable Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee*  
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