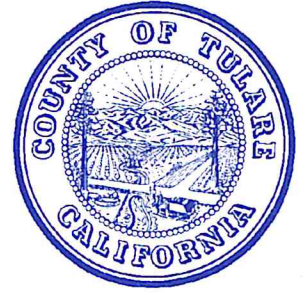


COUNTY OF TULARE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



PETE VANDER POEL

Chairman of the Board

June 27, 2017

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

RE: Assembly Bill 1250 – OPPOSE: As amended June 21, 2017

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the County of Tulare, we write to respectfully inform you of our opposition to Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), which attempts to restrict the ability of the County to enter into contracts for essential services.

AB 1250 will severely limit the options for our County to determine the most appropriate solution to providing efficient and effective public services by creating significant and costly obstacles for contracting personal services in the areas of health care, social services, mental health and public safety. This bill would cause huge implications for more than 200 Health and Human Services contracts for the provision of client services. This is not taking into consideration the myriad of other contracts Tulare County currently executes.

This bill would require counties to conduct an audit when contracting for personal services exceeding \$100,000 annually while adding language that states additional disclosure requirements would be imposed without providing further insight as to how this would impact the County. The audit will require the prospective contractor to cover the costs associated. This strenuous process will discourage counties when seeking to contract for personal services as well as potential contractors from engaging in the process.

Bill analysis states that the bill has unknown costs to local agencies to comply with the provisions of this bill. Actual costs would be on a case by case basis, depending on how often a county utilizes such contracts and how many contracts are executed. It is likely that counties will not be reimbursed for the costs associated with this burdensome process.

AB 1250 creates hurdles for contractors that include non-profits, community based organizations, and private service providers. Its provisions tie the hands of counties in their most basic administrative functions and will lead to increased costs associated with county contracts and a decrease in services provided.

For these reasons and others, the County of Tulare has adopted an OPPOSE position to AB 1250. If you should have any questions concerning our position, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (559) 636-5000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Vander Poel". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Pete Vander Poel, Chairman
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

cc: Senate Governance and Finance Committee Members
Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly
Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, California State Assembly
California State Association of Counties
Paul J. Yoder, State Legislative Advocate
Tulare County Legislative Delegation