Chief Probation Officers of California

June 19, 2017

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 1250 – CPOC Oppose

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) I write to inform you of our opposition to AB 1250, which would impose significant new restrictions on the ability of counties and county departments to contract for very important services for both the juvenile and adult populations that we serve. Probation departments work very closely with Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profits, and other providers to deliver very important services related to the care, treatment, and programming services for youth and adults.

Although not an exhaustive list, the types of services that would be impacted by the bill include, but are not limited to: contracting for medical and mental health services in juvenile halls, food services in juvenile halls, Proposition 47 grants that partner with community providers, adolescent substance abuse day treatment, interpreting services for sign language, vocational programming, and many other partnerships for delivering evidence-based programming.

This bill would severely restrict counties’ ability to provide services in the most cost-effective manner and also identify and contract with the most suitable provider for a given service – both of which are vital in order for probation to fulfill the important mission given to us by the State which is to ensure evidence-based rehabilitation, data-driven decision making to reduce recidivism, and hold offenders accountable in a thoughtful and productive way.

For these reasons, we must respectfully oppose AB 1250.

Sincerely,

Danielle Sanchez
Legislative Director

Cc: All Members and Staff of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Ryan Eisberg, Republican Consultant