



Human Services Alliance of Contra Costa

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

Cc: Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the Human Services Alliance of Contra Costa, I write to respectfully request your opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). The Alliance has more than 20 member agencies which collectively serve an estimated 360,000 Contra Costa County residents annually, and provide approximately 65% of mental health services in the County.

Members provide services in the areas of child and family services, mental health, LGBTQ services, reentry programs, employment and economic development, foster care, homelessness and housing, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and community clinic based medical care.

We strongly believe private/public partnerships are important to provide high-quality local services and to save taxpayer resources.

AB 1250 would impose a de facto prohibition on counties' abilities to contract with non-profits, as well as other business and economic development organizations. In doing so, AB 1250 jeopardizes the delivery of vital services that many Californians depend on, including health and social services, public safety and other core functions of counties.

Our members provide local services that a county either does not have the expertise or internal capability to provide directly.

AB 1250 would impose significant new burdens on community based organizations and private sector contractors for the sole purpose of discouraging public/private partnerships. It requires contractors to conduct (at our own expense) extensive audits and requires us to disclose personal information, including the names and hourly rates of our employees and any subcontractors and the compensation rates for those workers –subjecting that information to the California Public Records Act. This raises significant privacy concerns for organizations like ours and our employees.

Restricting counties' abilities to contract for the expertise and most efficient delivery of services could result in decreased access to services or even the elimination of some services outright for our most vulnerable.



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There is no legitimate policy problem that AB 1250 seeks to address. We respectfully request that you oppose 1250 when it comes before you in Committee.

On behalf of the Alliance members,

Dan Geiger
Director

Member agencies

Brighter Beginnings
Center for Human Development
Community Clinic Consortium
Contra Costa ARC
Contra Costa Crisis Center
Contra Costa Interfaith Housing
Early Childhood Mental Health Program
Jewish Family and Community Services of the East Bay
Fred Finch Youth Center
Lincoln Child Center
Putnam Clubhouse
Rainbow Community Center
Rubicon Programs
Seneca Family of Agencies
Shelter, Inc.
STAND! For Families Free of Violence
Ujima Family Recovery Services
Uplift Family Services
We Care Services for Children
Youth Homes, Inc.