



Myths & Facts About AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)

MYTH:

“AB 1250 creates onerous, complicated new requirements that will be impossible to work with. It is just a union power grab.”

FACT:

Cities and counties are protesting basic, commonsense standards of good governance that the State of California, school districts, community college districts, and libraries – all abide by already.

AB 1250 Provision	State	Schools & Community Colleges	Libraries	Cities & Counties
Competitive bidding	✓	✓	✓	✗
Demonstrated cost savings	✓	✓	✓	✗
Service quality standard	✓	✓	✓	✗
Contract notice and transparency	✓	✓	✓	✗
Worker protections	✓	✓	✓	✗

MYTH:

“AB 1250 is going to make it impossible to contract out. That will completely change how my city does business.”

FACT:

AB 1250 doesn't stop cities from contracting with private entities. It simply establishes standards of good governance: accountability, cost savings, and transparency. If that requires you to change how you do business, that's a good thing for taxpayers and the public.

The State of California, which has abided by outsourcing standards for 35 years, contracts out over 14,000 different personal in contracts worth \$36 billion, a 2012 review of contracts showed.

MYTH:

“AB 1250 is going to make to make it a lot more expensive to provide the same services.”

FACT:

If your contract provides savings to taxpayers, you have no need to worry about this bill. If it does not, that is the problem. Right now, there is no requirement in law that outsourcing must result in savings. AB 1250 changes that: you'll have to show projected and actual savings. That will provide stronger protections for taxpayers than currently exist.

Contractors have a strong motivation to maximize their profits. Bribery, corruption, sweetheart contracts, and hidden costs are an inevitable risk when governments contract out – and that risk needs to be minimized through clear accountability and transparency standards.



MYTH:

“AB 1250 is going to be an administrative and logistical nightmare – we will have to bring all of our contracts in-house.”

FACT:

Existing contracts are exempt from the bill. The bill is limited to work that is currently or customarily carried out by employees of a city or county.

MYTH:

“AB 1250 is going to cause endless litigation and is full of undefined terms that will have to go to the courts.”

FACT:

This is nonsense. AB 1250 is modeled after Government Code 19130, which has been in existence for over 35 years. Terms such as “customarily performed” are well established in case law.