



TEXAS APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

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Dear Ben:

Elroy Carson
Public Member
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In preparation for anticipated questions during our biennial legislative session which commenced last week I have been asked by one of our Board Members to locate certain information as to the status of appraiser licensing and regulation in other states~ I am hoping that the Appraisal Subcommittee in its monitoring of state boards might have the following information and could share it with us.

Wm. A. (Rusty) Faulk, Jr.
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1. The number of licensed and certified appraisers in each of the 50 states. It is my expectation that several states will have less than 250 certified and licensed appraisers, making the situation in those states less than comparable with Texas.

James B. Ratliff
Appraiser Member
Garland

2. The number and names of states wherein the appraiser licensing and certification function is carried out by a self-directed and self-funded entity. By this I mean an entity which sets its own fees, retains its own fees, and establishes its own budget as opposed to having all fees deposited in a general state account from which the Legislature determines the amount to be appropriated to the licensing and regulatory function.

Clinton P. Sayers
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3. The number and names of states where the licensing and regulatory function is carried out by an independent, stand-alone appraiser board which is not part of a larger state agency.

Dona S. Scurry
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Wayne Thorburn
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4. The number and names of states which have received warning letters from the ASC over the past two years concerning aspects of their licensing and regulatory programs especially as it relates to their enforcement activities. I would like to be able to see if there is any relationship between the funding mechanism in the state (self-directed vs appropriated) and the existence of problems identified by the ASC staff, especially involving complaint resolution and enforcement.

It is the belief of our Board Member that this information would be helpful in meeting with Texas state legislators concerning our present enforcement problems and might contribute to an effort to move the TALCB from an appropriations situation to one in which the Board could become self-directed and self-funded. To further verify the assumption that a self-directed and self-funded would be in a better position to handle staffing and resource dedication to complaint matters we would need to see if such

states have been less likely to receive warning letters from the ASC staff over the past few years.

Should you not have this information I would appreciate any advice on where I might find such information short of sending letters to each of the 49 other states. likewise, if you have any further suggestions on how we might obtain additional financial resources to address our inability to close complaints in less than one year, we would welcome your recommendations.

Many thanks for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Thorburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wayne Thorburn

cc: Shirley Ward
Jamie Ratliff