

Dear Mr Hovey,

I am a local real estate appraiser who has been actively working in the Mid Willamete Valley for over 20 years as an independent fee Appraiser. For the past 11 years I have had my own small business in Albany. I am writing to you to voice my opinion that HB2501 is completely out of line and should not have even been put forward. The bill "establishes payment rates for independent contractor appraisers" and further states that the Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board would set those fees. The fee structure for appraisers is presently dictated by the open market's supply and demand factors and negotiations between the appraiser and their client.

Since the 1970's, Appraiser fees have remained steady with no major increase or decrease here in Oregon through the open market until just this past year when the demand outweighed the supply of Appraisers in rural and suburban areas. Prior to that, the only fee increases to the individual appraiser have come through technology that allows more actual work to be accomplished in the same time frame for appraisers who are willing to invest in upgrading equipment and learning new technology.

The party putting forth this bill has stated that they only wanted to "open a dialog with appraisers" on this issue. I personally do not understand how submitting a bill before the state legislature opens a dialog. Further, I feel that HB2501 is surely a misuse of the legislature's time & focus as well as the time and energy of the professional appraisers who's businesses must be put on hold to appear at the hearing. Please consider my opinion on this bill and vote against HB2501 on Monday 2/27/2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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