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I oppose SB 702 and its requirement that the Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board to mandate training on implicit bias and state and federal fair housing laws for real estate appraisers. Implicit bias training is based on the foundation of guilty until proven innocent; it assumes that everyone has some malevolent perception or bias against others; that is simply not true. I have no quarrel with the Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board mandating training on state and federal fair housing laws for real estate agents, but the implicit bias training is a bridge too far. Implicit bias training further polarizes and divides people based on the superficial, it leaves some groups of people feeling like hopeless victims and others feeling like oppressors when they have done no wrong. There will be many real estate appraisers who will not want to take this training and they will feel strong-armed into taking it or lose their job; this is coercion. I oppose SB 702.