



Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division

Boards and Commissions: Accountability & Transparency

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Historical perspective

A concern for more than a century

A board is a mischievous administrative instrumentality, because its effect is to divide responsibility, destroy the symmetry of our governmental system, trench on the prerogatives of the executive, and injuriously affect the management of the institutions.

To avoid further enumeration in detail, I earnestly recommend that you abolish all boards, commissions, and offices that do not serve a useful public purpose, and thus cut off the unnecessary expense of their longer continuance.

Oregon Governor William Lord, 1897

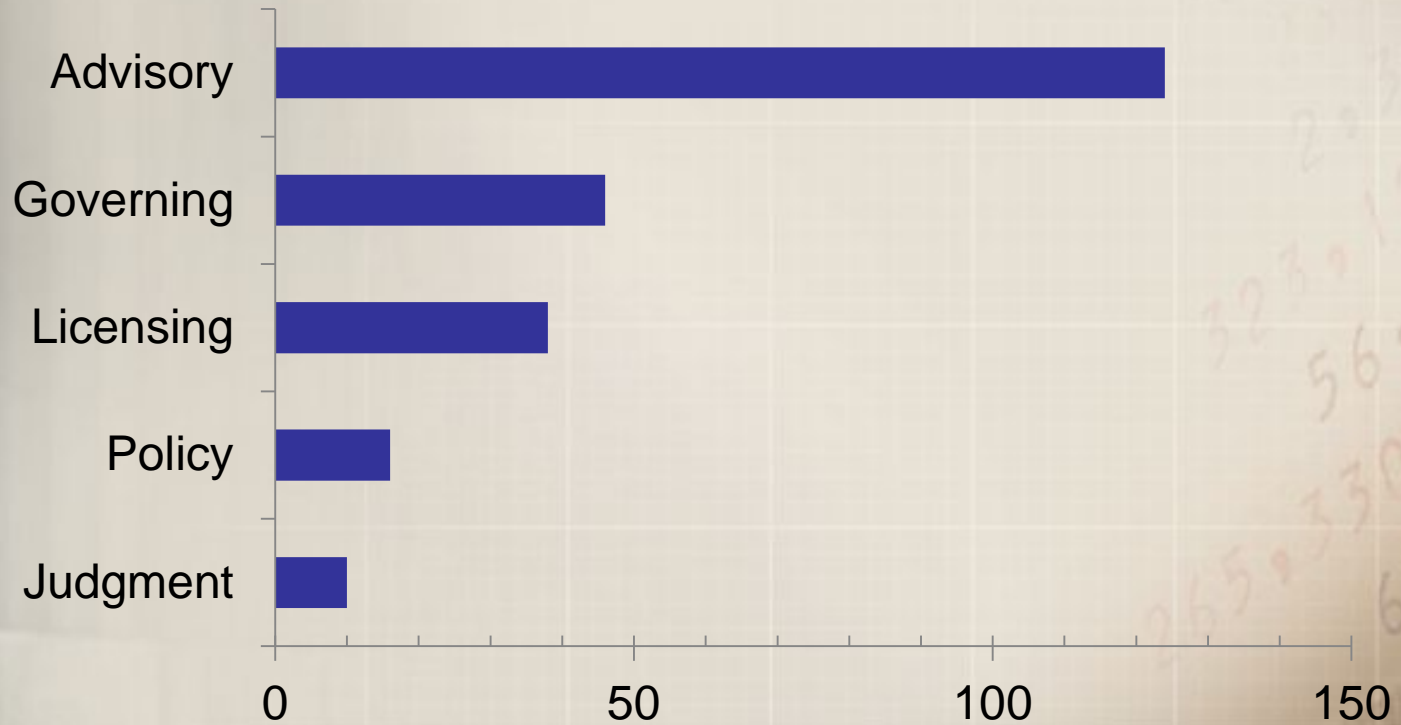
Why this audit?

Lack of Accountability and Transparency

- Commission for the Blind
- Oregon Travel Experience

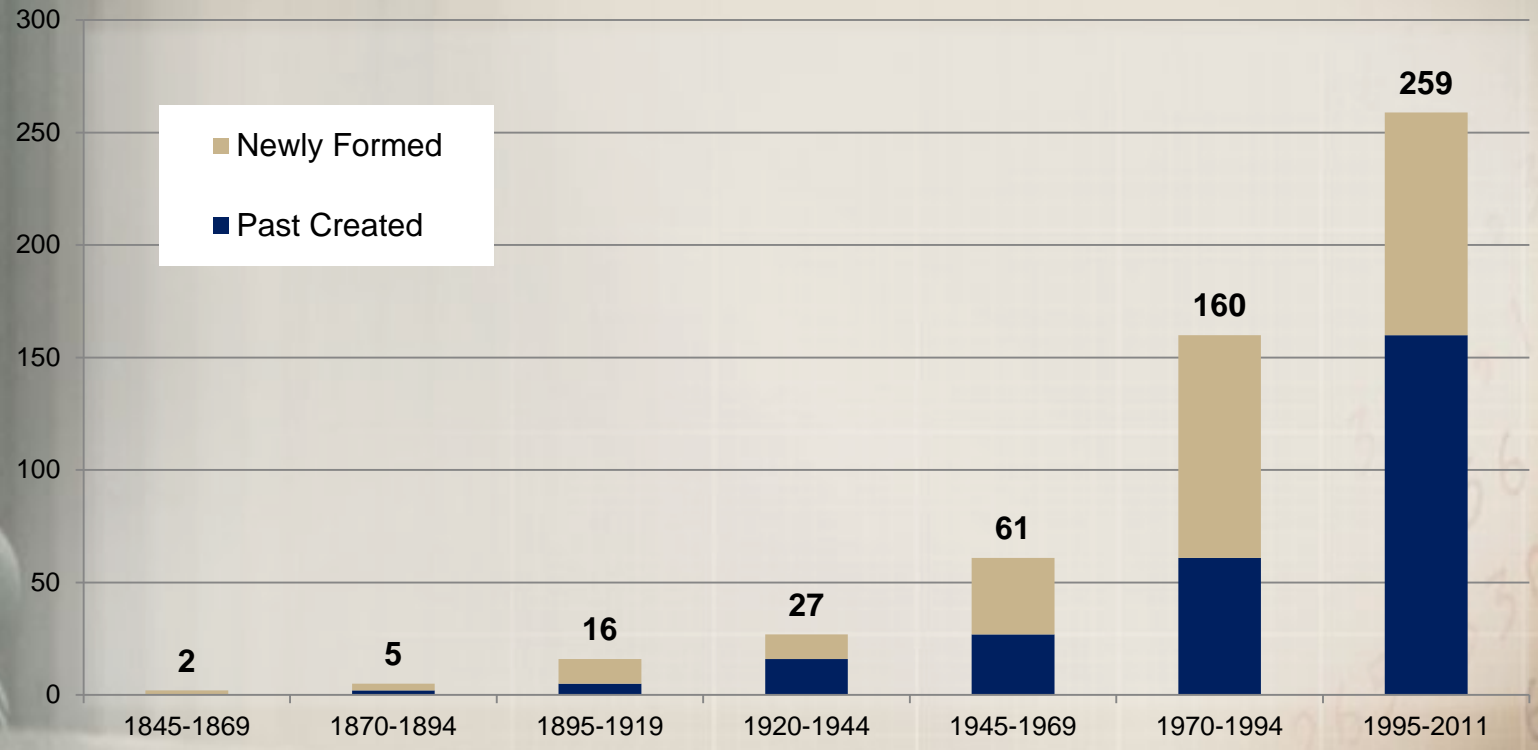
Types of Boards

Number of Each Board Type



Proliferation

Oregon Boards and Commissions 1845-2011



Recommendations

- Focus on licensing boards
- Employ successful strategies from other states
- Sunset provisions