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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The State Board of Plumbing Examiners has been very regulatory for many years and needs considerable reform. I believe that transferring responsibilities to TDLR would improve the process due to the economies of scale, convenience, and improved customer service. The plethora of licensing requirements is overwhelming and unnecessary. It is evident that the State Board of Plumbing Examiners is entrenched refuses to make any changes to improve customer service, turn around times, and facilitate the licensing process. The examination process does not take advantage of technology and this amounts to inefficiencies that hurt the industry and workforce of Texas.

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Examinations should be outsourced to a third party proctor thus eliminating long delays and costs associated with the current State facilities. While I feel the 6 hours continual education is adequate, the actual approved materials are not. The continual education requirements should be reevaluated and include an expanded group of instructors like those provided by the International Code Council.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree