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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:

Tsbpe has been the governing authority for plumbing in Texas for years. I personally blame all plumbers in this state for doing nothing to support tsbpe. I include myself on all of this. We plumbers have not done anything to promote our trade to the public nor given anything back to tsbpe. We take our license and go to work on bettering ourselves and think the tsbpe will just go on without our help. Now we face loosing the agency in which has backed us up with codes and enforcement.

Yes I agree with some of the sunset committees observations, but not all of them. I do not agree with abolishing the tsbpe. They really do need more funding. Weather this is state funding or funding from the plumbers themselves. Yes I know plumbers are against giving more to state. However if there were some kind of fund that plumbers could contribute to, that would go directly to tsbpe. I think that would help with staffing, facilities and many more aspects of the tsbpe. Bottom line if you run a company today and your work force gets 20-30% cut, your funding is also cut, then your told to produce more with less. That is very difficult if not impossible to do. This is exactly what has happened to tsbpe.

I question the plumbing contractor license. What if any credible experience would be required for this license? Plumbing that has been done by a licensed plumber usually results in nothing happening, however if a unlicensed handyman does this and usually it does something happens. Then the public screams why did that happen? Generally speaking with plumbing it usually has an effect on more than just one household, school, etc... Plumbing is generally felt and not even thought of. Plumbing is taking for granted when it works as it should. However when it goes bad, public are very upset and want a plumber to fix it right, so they can go on not even thinking about it. We plumbers make a living off of that.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Plumber contractor license:

A master plumber must inspect work or be on staff.

Must have insurance to cover possible damages to entire property on which job they are performing plumbing.
Must have proper endorsement license for all work being performed

Testing

Practical test should remain.

There are many apprenticeships that are entirely service work. And no new construction. We must test these individuals to that they understand how systems work. Trust me I have seen apprentices hook up valves the wrong direction. Simply because they don't understand how the system works. This creates having to rework the the job. So it cost the owner more money.

Just a side note on this work force coming out of high school. I hire some of these young men right out of high school. I ask them every time the same question. $3/8'' + 5/8'' = ?$ 10 % can answer it correctly.

From what I am reading on the sunset report, they want us to send these people into our industry or even into your house to repair plumbing.

Please consider what you the sunset committee have come to enjoy throughout your entire life,(Plumbing without a thought). In the state of Texas, this was brought to by the TSBPE !!!!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree