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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 doesn't need to fall under TDLR. TDLR regulates to many other licenses and is just a fee collection agency. TDLR has no enforcement of the regulations the state has especially in the HVAC trade that I am involved with. As a city employee of a growing city (Lubbock), I do not have the resources to regulate state laws or even report them to TDLR. TSBPE I believe does a good job in regulating the plumbing industry. As a licensed plumber I believe plumbers are the most important license/trade of all licenses, after all we as inspectors have to be licensed also!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The plumbing board needs to get updated in their testing procedures. Having candidates travel to Austin and take a test that is graded by hand is absurd.

TSBPE needs to go computer based testing like TDLR. When the written test is passed online at the candidates nearest testing location then they can travel to Austin to do any hand/shop testing. Doing this will not involve the plumbing field representatives.

I also believe that having to have an inspector certified to inspect medical gas is silly. When I took my inspector exam 15 years ago this was not a requirement and I had medical gas questions on my inspector test. Medical gas has not changed that much in 15 years, is just another class and a trip to Austin the city has to pay for! Medical gas systems are inspected and certified by a 3rd party before putting into service.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree