From: Sunset Advisory Commission

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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:

So one of the proposals is to eliminate the plumbing examiner and basically say you can do it online wich in turns becomes an unsupervised open book test that anyone can google online to find an answer wich makes me feel safer knowing wiki has corrected my cross contaminated water supply due to lack of education and supervision.

There's also a recommendation to issue a temporary license. That's the biggest joke I've ever heard. So would you trust someone to come into your house with a temporary license? I seriously doubt it and I'm pretty sure that goes without saying.

I agree with the fingerprinting. When I apply for a pass to work on a government facility or schools they require it. So getting it as part your application to test would be good since you already declare if your a felon or not. The company that I'm employed already requires it and I'm glad.

It offers a thing in this world hard to come by security.

Field reps and inspectors salaries I mean come on the reason there overwhelmed I mean would you like to make 32,000 after putting fourth years of training and expirence and the fact they have the code memorized and can even tell me where to find it off the top of there head? Honestly I've considered it but would not be cost effective for me to apply.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

So to correct the issue of examiners take money well wasted to general revenue and put it back into opening a testing facility per region thus helping with travel expense of new test takers and allow the work load to be shared rather than only be in Austin that is supervised by a licensed plumber.

With all due respect I fell that EVERYONE in the plumbing trade should take continuing education. It allows the apprentices to hear new laws and regulations and actually get feel of what it's like to be educated in this plumbing profession.

I think some of written exam needs to be updated but not eliminated. But I do believe more needs to come back in the shop aspect of the test. Some key things have been removed and it's pretty sad to watch some journeyman solder due to lack of education and testing.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree