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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:

Another layer of management is a waste, when all we need are added test-givers and revenue.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Testing is the issue, simplify questions and answers to A / B and or Yes / No. "The word game is a waste of time, paper, and beneath the integrity of our industry". Make it Mandatory for an apprentice to test for a "newly created license" for New-Housing-Construction-Only, a Installer or Laymen license at 1000 hours.

Plus make it Mandatory to test for Tradesman at 2000 hours and Mandatory to test for Journeyman at 4000. This will bring more folks into the industry at a faster pace and experience is the best teacher. Other than AGE, Our Biggest weakness is too much labor and too Few-Mechanics. Mandatory testing will keep a person learning more instead of settling as being a part of the labor pool for multiple years. The added testing will generate revenue enough to pay for added test-givers and should supplement some of the agencies other monetary needs. The mandatory testing will also provide much needed talent that will leach off into other parts of the industry such as our service industry that also has Too Few Mechanics. We all want and or would like to believe that a person has the intestinal-fortitude to want to move-up and onto a higher paying job and possible management position. BUT it has not happening and won't since we are paying 16.00 to 22.00 an hour for a 10.00 an hour job, just to get people off the couch. We have pushed and pulled all we can, it is now time to guide folks down the path we need them to take, In a Kind and Sensitive way of course.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree