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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 4:23 PM  
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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: Looking at the report it shows that the plumbing board is operating in the black. It also shows that the state has one of the largest number of licensed plumbers other than California. But it also shows that half of the revenue is going to the general fund instead of staying with the TSBPE. I think the report shows areas that need improvement but you will need the money that is leaving the TSBPE to retain and hire personnel. It is my understanding the starting pay for an examiner or field inspector is \$ 32,000.00 a year. You cannot hire people to do that job without a real living wage.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

1. Have the existing TSBPE meet with other States department of plumbing licensing and have a agreement to recognize their respective license holder.

This would allow plumbers from other states to work in Texas if all they had to do is register in Texas. Many areas of the country go through severe cold climates, this doesn't allow plumbers steady work. During a natural disaster they could supplement the Texas plumbing workforce and a small fee could be charged for administration costs of out-of-state registrations.

2. If you would let the provider for the continuing education also administer the test for licensing it would be more cost effective and the waiting time would lessen significantly with the same quality or better.

3. I feel if you abolish the TSBPE you will be putting the public health and well being at risk. If some of these recommended changes were made to TSPBE in lieu of moving to TDRL it would allow the TSBPE to continue its goal of protecting the public. If you pay examiners a living wage you could then attract the people you need to meet those goals.

4. The annual continuing education is a little too much and the separate endorsements need to be consolidated, this could be done through the existing TSBPE and existing continuing education providers.

5. I feel we need the fingerprint criminal background checks which would be paid by the licensees and checked through the Department of Public Safety's website.

6. The creation of a plumbing contractors license without having the master plumber owning the business. I do not

see it being an issue, but the plumbing company would be required to have one Master license holder on their payroll to review the technical side and to protect the public. All this could be implemented by the existing State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree