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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 6:42 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or  
Opposed:

Issue 1:

1.1 - Against ; Plumbing is responsible for the sanitary and safety of our nation having this regulated with devoted individuals is key.

1.2 - For ; Fingerprint background checks is a great idea to keep my industry safe for consumers and other coworkers

1.3 - Against

Issue 2:

2.1 - Against ; these license positions were created to get the guys beginning in the industry knowledge in key areas other than just picking up tools and digging ditches. While keeping them from having to work on jobs that are above their skill base at this time.

2.2 - Against ; Removing supervision requirements will allow for unskilled workers the ability to cause property damage or potentially loss of life if the workers above them are not required to monitor and check their work regularly.

2.3 - Against to an extent ; the written portion of the tests can be administered by anyone, the practical work application portion should only be given by licensed plumbers with 10+ years of experience to ensure proper training of our future plumbers.

2.4 - Against to an extent; I believe the acquisition and placement of new buildings in other metropolitan areas is key to gaining new guys in the field and maintaining license holders that can't always drive to Austin. (ie El Paso, Dallas, Houston...)

2.5 - For; this could ensure learning new products and new practices in plumbing that have yet to be touched upon in my years of plumbing.

2.6 - Against; Most guys in this field live paycheck to paycheck it is more manageable to pay the amount every year than stack it up to 3 years and have it forgotten about.

2.7 - For

2.8 - Against; The guys who work towards their RMP license are experienced and trained on running businesses as opposed to just the Master designation which is a much less rigorous test and less training companies with just this are not always the most qualified to be led on how to properly repair homeowner's issues safely.

2.9 - Against; Plumbers from states with less requirements than Texas could come in during these periods charge customers a fraction of the price do work that is sub par and then leave the state and homeowner's are left with potentially worse situations than they started with and no recourse towards the company/individual that serviced the home.

2.10 - Against; A plumber's knowledge is just as much common sense as it is the practical application of math and work with hands. Removing anything from the test is a bad idea adding more with newer products on the market is a good idea.

2.11 - For

### Issue 3

3.1 - Against; This could lead to people who are severely underqualified to make decisions on items that they don't have intimate knowledge of.

3.2 - For

3.3 - Against; Any good licensed plumber will follow these rules to avoid criminal charges, this would be similar to having police officers only being able to tell criminals not to do things but not being able to issue tickets or make arrests.

3.4 - For; This is already in place but the TSBPE needs more people in place to handle these enforcements.

3.5 - For

3.6 - For; With documented reasoning for consumers to be able to access.

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this does push certain people from the industry then it wouldn't be the worst thing if they are constantly doing the things that are giving plumbers a bad reputation with consumers.

### Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Work with the TSBPE instead of attempting to abolish it in order to create "new undocumented workers" ie unlicensed individuals We license holders have worked hard to be where we are and Sunset should take into account the 58,000+ licensed plumber's in Texas and to remove the need to have these licenses and allowing any Tom, Dick or Harry to jump straight into doing plumbing without responsibility is spitting in all of our faces.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree