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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:23 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

First Name: Bobby

Last Name: Smith

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I started in the field at eighteen and went through a five year apprenticeship in order to get my journeyman license. I appreciate the time and effort that the committee has put into the research on the issues.

While I agree that the backlog is causing problems, I think there are better solutions available. I think that several satellite stations around the state for the written portion would cut down on the backlog. These new centers could be funded with the roughly 2.5 million dollar surplus the state board generates. This would free up the examiners in the Austin location to administer the practical or hands on portion of the exam. No one notices the plumbing in their home or place of business until they cannot flush the toilet or wash their hands. Imagine you had to wash your hands with what you had just flushed down the commode. Or that you check into a hotel and the water you are showering with is suspect. You are on a vacation and come down ill and best case the vacation is ruined. The aspect that scares me the most is the medical gas aspect of this. When I get to the age that I am in and out of a hospital regularly, I expect the gasses being put into my body to be installed by a trained, qualified, professional. My fear is that moving the TSBPE under the TDLR umbrella will result in a lower standard for the men and women who design, build, install, inspect, and service these life critical systems.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the plumbing board as it's own entity. Update and streamline the written portion by making it available at monitored satellite centers. Leave the practical or hands on portion of the test as is in the Austin location.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree