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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 1:58 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:

I oppose moving TSPE board to TDLR -every plumbing contractor needs more qualified plumbers - they don't need a puppy mill cranking out licenses - You will put the public at risk- All newly licensed plumbers who have 8000 hours are still not allowed to run a job ( at Rams) - I've been a plumber for over 30 years and I still go to training classes at least 3 times a year on different pipe, cross connections, or med gas safety

Some companies will be for this move- they want plumbers regardless of there qualifications-I understand profit is essential to a business- but greed is a poor business partner

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Lisa Hill retire effective immediately - abolish the board - Start a new board with all Responsible Master Plumbers, give the agency proper staff and the mandate the board to bring written testing on line or on a computer in Austin. Give the board the proper oversight authority of administrator . All information when asked by the board should be shared in a timely manner, and the power for a no confidence vote.

Add finger printing cost to the RMP who is sending a apprentice to take the test.

Keep the practical - with a 30% failure rate now - would you want someone at your business or house that would have failed the now minimum requirements working on your potable water?

In the future under TDLR when you go to the hospital visiting a loved one, will you feel confident the plumber who installed the medical system didn't mis-label a pipe marked oxygen and in fact its nitrous oxide, people have died and it has happened with our minimum standards in place now.

Keep the RMP enough plumbing business fail every year with this licenses, that's why it was created- leading to bankruptcy and fraud leaving homeowners and plumbing supply houses with unrecoverable debt.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree