

**SUBJECT:** Exempting certain work from a plumbing license requirement

**COMMITTEE:** Licensing & Administrative Procedures — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 10 ayes — K. King, Walle, Goldman, Harless, Hernandez, Herrero, Patterson, Schaefer, Shaheen, S. Thompson

0 nays

1 absent — T. King

**WITNESSES:** For — Chase Barker, National Utility Contractors Association; Bree Wink, NUCA (*Registered, but did not testify*: Corbin Van Arsdale, AGC-Texas Building Branch; Mary Jane Debenport, National Utilities Contractors Association; Dwayne Wink, NUCA)

Against — Stephen Cox, Cox Plumbing; Rick Lord, Plumbers Local 68; Joshua Hollub, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association of Texas; Robert Thornton, UA Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 286 (*Registered, but did not testify*: John Mata, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials; Jacob Smith, Plumbers Local 68; Thomas Kennedy, Texas Building Trades)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Frank Denton, Lisa Hill, Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners)

**BACKGROUND:** Concerns have been raised that licensed plumbers may be required to perform certain work when the nature of the work itself may not require a licensed plumber.

**DIGEST:** HB 2334 would specify that a person would not be required to have a plumbing license to perform work consisting of installing, servicing, or repairing mains or service lines that provided water, sewer, or storm drainage services on private property in an area that extended from a public right-of-way of public easement to not less than five feet from a

building or structure, with exceptions for plumbing work performed on private property designated for a one-family or two-family dwelling.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.