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Minutes of 10/13/2022 Rulemaking Public Hearing

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Zero Based Regulation (ZBR) IDAPA 24.39.30 - Rules Governing Plumbing – Entire Chapter

John Nielsen called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

John Nielsen, Executive Officer, and Plumbing Program Manager – Mr. Nielsen opened the meeting stating it is a public hearing on rulemaking, not a negotiated rulemaking meeting. The purpose of today's meeting is to gather comments from the public, which will end up being presented to the Board on November 9th. Anyone with comments, please state your name, who you represent, and thoughts on specific items.

Mark Hosick, UA296 – At the last meeting there was some agreement from the Board that yes, we don't need CEUs for contractors because they are already doing it as a journeyman and rather than have random CE classes, they would take code update classes. That seemed like it would be a good thing for everybody to continually educate themselves in the code itself. As you are updating the code for the state, you would want your journeyman plumbers to be up to speed for the new codes. There should be some form of continuing education or code update for journeyman plumbers.

Ray Coon, College of Western Idaho – Right now we've got a lot of companies where the secretary does CEU's for all the journeymen in the company. I think they're just trying to get rid of that expense because no one is really taking it serious anyway. For time commitment, I do my eight hour class because I teach it so I just go through and answer all the questions and I'm done. For a journeyman working 12 to 16 hours a day, five to six days a week, and then, oh, I've got to get my hours in. I've got a deadline to hit, and I've got to try to study and it's just more of a headache than anything else as it's established right now. So if there's a way that we can come up to make it better and make it easier for these journeymen to actually participate in classes. There's got to be a better way of, but I think what we're doing right now is too easy for people to cheat.

Mr. Hosick – I can do the same thing that he said. I can do an eight hour class in an hour and a half because I know the code. I know the answers to all the questions but I still think there's value in a person going through and opening the code book again.

Executive Officer Nielsen – The UA isn't going to stop what they're doing on the educational side of things. The way it's written just isn't a requirement for licensure or to continue to keep your license. Those that are going to do it are going to do it. Those that aren't, and they're just jumping through the hoops, they're going to continue to jump through hoops. Most people who are for CEU's are the providers.

Darcy Neidigh, DeBest Plumbing – I think overall I can get on board with everything that's been changed. I think given our current state of Idaho, the Governor's direction, the barriers to entry and the shortage of employees. I think that the proposed rules are valid and should go.

Mr. Coon – In the Air Admittance Valve section, I would like the Board to look at changing some of the language so that when you have four-plexes and eight-plexes, they wouldn't be considered commercial and plumber would be allowed to use air admittance valves on kitchen islands.

Executive Officer Nielsen – If there is nothing else, I will adjourn this meeting. The next public hearing is scheduled for October 20, 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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