

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

When a city adopts a plumbing code, inspections are required to be performed by a certified plumbing inspector. Many political subdivisions do not have sufficient personnel to perform the required inspections for construction activity. Political subdivisions may contract with a private company to perform the inspections required by the entity. Current law is ambiguous regarding the work procured by a political subdivision, stating that the political subdivision must pay the plumbing inspector directly.

H.B. 1850 authorizes a political subdivision to contract with any plumbing inspector or qualified plumbing business, as determined by the political subdivision, to perform the required inspections.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1301.255(e), Occupations Code, to require plumbing installed in compliance with a code adopted under this section (Adoption of Plumbing Codes) to be inspected by a plumbing inspector and authorizes the political subdivision to contract with any plumbing inspector to perform the inspection, rather than with any plumbing inspector paid directly by the political subdivision.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.