

EAG and BAG Path Forward

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Background

- The Bureau established the Educational Advisory Group (EAG) in 1997 to discuss and advise the Bureau on Smog Check inspector and Smog Check repair technician training requirements.
- The Bureau established the Bureau Advisory Group (BAG) in 2001 to increase the level of communication between the Bureau, the automotive repair industry, education providers, and consumers.
- BAG and EAG meetings are announced on the Bureau's website and are open to the public. A notice and agenda are sent to interested parties and posted with meeting materials at least 10 days prior to each meeting.
- Obtaining feedback from the automotive repair industry on education and training issues is more important than ever.

Today's Landscape

- Legislative intent included in AB 1263 has codified the BAG in the Business and Professions Code Section 9880.4 (“The Johan Gallo Section”)

The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The Bureau of Automotive Repair established the BAR Advisory Group to increase the level of communication between the bureau, the automotive repair industry, education providers, consumers, and other stakeholders. The advisory group meets quarterly to provide input to the chief on bureau and other state regulatory programs.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the bureau continues to maintain a group of volunteer representatives to advise the bureau on regulatory issues and programs affecting the automotive repair industry.

- Four members of the EAG also serve as members of the BAG
- Recently, several presentations have been provided at both the BAG and the EAG
- Many recent educational topics appear to be of broader interest and are not specific to Smog Check (e.g. – ADAS, Electric Vehicle, AB 1263, AB 471, etc...)

Discuss The Path Forward

- Maintain the Status Quo
 - Conduct BAG quarterly
 - Conduct EAG biannually
- Expand the EAG to include more industry and BAR representation
- Combine the BAG and EAG
- Other?

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