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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I received this information about DSHS restructuring and it seems the sunset commission is unhappy with the licensing deviation of the DSHS. The sunset report identified two solutions:

One is for all of the professional license departments -- LPC, SW, LCDC etc to move to a different governmental agency. The new department that the sunset staff has identified is the Department of Regulatory Licensing. That department handles "occupational" licenses such as plumbers and air conditioning repairs. Our professional licenses and occupational are totally different. The professional licenses are complicated and must have masters level training education plus supervision. Unlike occupational Licenced who only require trade school training. My concern is that this would de-professionalize the professional license.

Two, is to change the structure of the regularly process. To eliminate the Independent regulatory licensing board and replace it with an advisory committee ----- AND THE GOVERNMENT STAFF WOULD MAKE ALL RULE CHANGES AND THE GOVERNMENT STAFF WOULD HANDLE ALL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS. No longer would a professional license board be made up of your peers of other licensees, but would be made up of government staff who could not possibly understand the intricacies of the profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: It is critical that those individuals overseeing the licensing process must have the education and understanding of the protocol and work in the field for which they are licensing. Overseeing the licensure of a professional entity for which I am no familiar makes absolutely no sense. It does not provide adequate protection for the clients and families that we serve, much less the profession as a whole. It is critical to the protection of the community and the profession, that licensing be regulated by an entity with the same level of education and understanding as the career field for which they are determining licensing requirements and reviewing disciplinary complaints.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree