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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy Board being shifted to the TDLR. The LMFT Board could accomplish most, if not all, of the recommendations of the Sunset Commission if staff could be allocated to them to complete the work assigned. A more functional move would be to develop a Behavioral Health Board that would include the LMFT, LPC, and Social Work Board. Moving the LMFT, LPC, and Social Work Boards to the TDLR will result in an increased workload on that agency as well as the need to hire additional staff. Allowing additional Staff to be added to a Behavioral Health Board would be more cost effective and solve some of the issues of delayed licensing and resolution of complaints.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:
Develop a Behavioral Health Board that would include, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Social Workers, Psychologists, and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree