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

It is my opinion that TDLR is not equipped to regulate mental and behavioral health professionals and that expanding the scope of TDLR beyond its mission is likely to adversely impact consumer protection across all the industries it regulates and risk its efficiency.

My hope would be to retain the structure and autonomy of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors as well as the TSBEMFT and the TSBESW. I believe that setting and enforcing clear, ethical training and practice standards for mental health professionals can only be accomplished by professionally specialized and independent licensing boards.

Oversight of mental health professionals is beyond the scope of TDLR as none of the occupations regulated by TDLR work with fragile individuals struggling to overcome devastating psycho, social, emotional and physical challenges. A move to TDLR will not resolve access to care or regulatory challenges.

The best practice to protect consumers is to have Independent, professionally specialized boards with public members that regulate mental health care.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue in the current structure.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree