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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I believe that the Texas Department of State Health Services should continue to oversee the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and the other mental health professional licensing boards. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is not equipped to handle oversight of mental health professionals because none of the professions currently regulated by the TDLR involve working with fragile or vulnerable populations. Adding this responsibility will likely hinder the TDLR's efficiency and could adversely affect the protection of consumers across all of the industries it regulates.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend revising the budget plan so that the Texas Department of State Health Services receives an appropriately allocated budget and staff for each of the mental health professional licensing boards. Allocating funds generated by licensing fee revenue to directly support the regulatory functions of the DSHS would allow the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors as well as the boards that regulate Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers to function in a more efficient and timely manner.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree