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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: TSBESW should be reauthorized, that Social Workers should be regulated by an independent, autonomous, professional Board and that TDLR is not the right place for the Board to be housed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The most logical alternative would be the creation of a Texas Behavioral Health Professions Agency, where the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists will be housed. This agency could provide a singular administrative structure for the behavioral health licensing boards and would consolidate operations to take advantage of economies of scale.

This model would mitigate the administrative inefficiencies identified by the Sunset Staff, create the opportunity for consistent regulation and provide the protection the public needs when receiving behavioral health services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree