From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Glass

Title: LMSW #63285

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

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

Support the staff recommendation for a consolidation agency (TxBHEC) which would include the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners. This consolidated agency is an innovative strategy that creates efficiency, maintains appropriate oversight of behavioral health professionals, aligns with the state's goal of responsible consolidation, takes full advantage of operational efficiencies and economies of scale, as well as protecting the state's immunity from the restraint of trade claims.

Disagreed with staff recommendation for an all public member board.

Support the original recommendation from the 2017 Sunset Advisory Commission to create an executive council composed of one professional member from each of the four boards and one public member from each of the four boards with the Governor appointing the chair.

Facts: In 2017, there were over 25,000 licensed social workers in Texas.

For fiscal 2017-2018, TSBSWE received \$1, 282.629 in fees.

The operating budget for TSBSWE was \$500,168.

The average length of time for resolution of a complaint was 874 days.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: no

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree