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

I have concerns about our professional licenses being handled by the same department that handles "occupational" licenses, as our licenses are completely different. The professional licenses must have masters level training education with additional hours of supervision, unlike occupational licenses that only require trade school training. I am concerned that this would de-professionalize the professional licenses.

The other solution is even more frightening, as our licensing boards handle rules, rule changes, and disciplinary actions. It is terrifying to think that a government advisory committee would handle this having no idea about our profession. Our boards consist of professional peers who have knowledge of our license and the business, which is essential for our profession and for public safety.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Maintain the integrity of the profession by keeping the licensing board consisting of professional peers who govern our profession.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree