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Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I strongly oppose the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

This move would be detrimental to the profession of Physical Therapy in Texas and would put the decision-makers at TDLR in a position to make judgements on medical issues that they are not trained or educated to do. We are a unique profession within the medical community and require an independent state agency that is focused solely on the practice of Physical Therapy to continue to ensure the high quality of patient care and safety that we demand. Furthermore, the TBPTE is already a cost-efficient and well run state agency.

Moving to the TDLR would cost more money and slow down all aspects of licensing and regulation of Physical Therapy in this state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I support maintaining the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years. In fact this has already been recommended on multiple occasions by the Sunset staff.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree