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

This letter states my opposition to the bill.

- Practicing autonomously without TDRL has worked well in terms of patient care and patient satisfaction when resolving complaints. Resolution currently is less than 4 months. If this bill passed (joining TDRL) it would take 7 months before any complaint resolution. This shows their workload is heavy/backlogged and may take longer; hence, affecting patient satisfaction/care.
- TBOTE has a senior investigator assigned to prioritize high risk complaints based on the their degree of seriousness. The purpose for this is to address all complaints immediately/ within a timely manner. In passing this bill, this option would not be available. Two-fold, while the complaint proceedings ensue TBOTE assigns case numbers to not risk any personal health information from being released and thereby not breaking any HIPPA regulations. Yet again not affecting patient privacy, care and satisfaction.
- Currently, there are qualified members within the field serving on the board and TBOTE also shares resources with other boards through the Health Professions Council. When we have qualified members in the loop, front & center we are able to effectively and efficiently staff/fill sensitive, highly qualified positions immediately; hence, eliminating any potential high risk agency functions (no hiccups within the process). Staffing changes, turnovers or future retirees will be replaced accordingly without affecting licensees or patients/public we care for.
- The TBOTE and ECPTOTE have been stable, well-run agency with an experience, capable staff. There is no need to change as the report has shown it would not be cost effective and/or no savings from moving. There is no financial justification.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I ask the committee of the Sunset Advisory Commission to adopt Recommendation 4.1 from the original report on ECPTOTE and TBOTE and do not include those entities in a recommendation for consolidation within TDLR.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree