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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 2:10 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: STATE BOARD VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I believe the investigators of the State Board should reevaluate how they handle unlicensed EDP's.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I am writing to you with concerns about the International Association of Equine Dentistry (IAED) as a certifying entity in Texas. The IAED was written into the law, allowing an EDP to be certified by the IAED to be eligible for licensure in Texas. Since this entity is written into the law, unlike other Board approved entities, it blocks their members from being under the jurisdiction of the Texas State Board, which, in turn, keeps them from following the same rules and regulations as all other certifying entities in the state.

A few concerns I have about the IAED. The association gives certification to it's members without testing and examination. In addition, their current president failed a past certification, but now has been granted certification through their "gifting", mentioned above. This act is viewed as nonprofessional and illegitimate. Furthermore, this association grants Continuing Education (CE's) to it's members that are not State Board approved. In fact, two years ago Clete Griffin, DVM, of Texas A&M University, reviewed their CE program. His statement regarding their program was, "There is no one on this program qualified to give CE".

I believe that the IAED should be required to operate under the jurisdiction of the Texas State Board and held to the same rules and regulations as all other certifying entities, to ensure fair and legitimate testing.

The statement made throughout the legislative process was, "We need to protect the public".

Thank you for your time and consideration.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree