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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the move to place the Board of Social Work Examiners under the administration of a larger organization that is not staffed by licensed social workers. As it stands today, the Board of SWE is understaffed and under-equipped to answer questions regarding new rules and reqs pertaining to the practice of social work; the Board itself cannot fulfill its duty to protect consumers and ensure that licensed social workers are practicing in accordance with current state law. Placing this Board under a different organization that does not have the expertise of licensed social workers on staff will ensure that the practice of social work is less regulated within the state, at some peril to consumers.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe that the TSBSWE should remain in its current organizational position within DHHS and should be supported with higher levels of funding so that consumers can be protected and licensed social workers can be kept informed of changes to state law and rules.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree