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Agency: TEXAS COMMISSION LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As a police chief currently serving in Texas, my interest on this subject is significant. I believe TCOLE needs some substantial reform, and I agree with many of the recommendations made in the report. However, I am of the belief that agencies and departments should retain substantial local control over disciplinary matters, or at the very least, have significant input in disciplinary matters. IF additional training, or more substantive training is implemented, this could be very challenging for smaller agencies who are limited in funding. This is a subject that will need to be addressed, although I a strong supporter for enhancing our mandatory training in Texas. Overall, I support the recommendations of the report on TCOLE and agree that reforms are needed, not only in our licensing agency and oversight, but in "policing" in general. Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback. Ron Parker, Chief of Police, Brenham, TX Police Department.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Overall, I agree that TCOLE is in need of reform, and strengthening in training mandates, oversight, and the ability to enforce requirements as dictated in statute.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree