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

Sir/Madam In reference to the Sunset Commission deactivating the current polygraph law, one of the first problems that comes to mind is the current mandated requirements of minimum requirements in procedures, equipment, confidentiality & examiner prohibitions, that are currently in place to protect the polygraph consumer public will be done away with. Without these simple mandated minimum requirements for testing, the charlatan "examiner" would create a irreparable distrust in the current polygraph services utilized by private attorneys, law enforcement and the general public currently utilizing polygraph for personal matters. The polygraph industry in Texas has for the last 30 years enjoyed a good reputation for the most part, as the majority of our examiners are school trained by credible schools and instructors, all due to the current law. With the law dissolved, the mandated school training and continued education mandates to renew a polygraph license will undoubtedly create problems with the public, possibly creating serious problems for the State Of Texas residents and organizations that currently rely on the work of the law abiding polygraph examiners today.

Without a enforceable polygraph law, convicted felons and charlatans could easily sneak into the profession, taking advantage of the unsuspecting public. We're hearing that due to the lack of complaints, is the reason why TDLR believes we don't need an enforceable law / licensing and for the most part that may be true, but we need the RULES & REGULATIONS to keep the profession from being "muddied up" by people who have no business doing polygraph work.

Please rule AGAINST dissolving the polygraph law for this matter alone.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Texas polygraph was put under the guidance & enforcement of TDLR, that eliminated the THEN Polygraph Examiners Board which was tasked with enforcing polygraph requirements, procedures & laws, along with the continued money expenditures to keep it activated. Well, the folks at TDLR are a busy lot, with the responsibility of the various licenses to mandate and enforce, but the issues created by the polygraph industry in Texas, are of a different level of involvement and importance to the industry itself as well as the consumer public. So with that Texas HAS to have some type of polygraph law, to protect the industry itself as well as the public. If TDLR believes it cannot devote time, effort and funds to maintain security for the polygraph industry and consumer public in Texas, either Texas DPS or the state's two major

professional polygraph education / training organizations need to be tasked with some type of state support to enhance and maintain the level of safety previously mentioned. We have an abundance of very well trained, educated and experienced people in the Texas polygraph industry, hopefully available to brainstorm a solution to this sunset issue with jeopardizing the public and industry safety standards.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree