From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:56 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY DPS

First Name: John

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Bastrop

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed:

Opposed transferring the motorcycle safety program to TDLR. TDLR is not an agency which advocates for Highway Safety as their role is regulation.

Opposed auctioning the program training motorcycles by September 2019.

Opposed moving ATV program to TDLR.

Opposed saving dedicated funds by eliminating its purpose of making available a statewide motorcycle safety training program as defined in the Texas Transportation code.

Opposed eliminating program personnel.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Recommend transfer to TXDOT Highway Safety Office and be combined with the motorcycle safety program of TXDOT which receives federal funds for the training work provided by the current DPS program.

Recommend auctioning the training motorcycles after a reasonable notice of five years if not, providers will stop training for lack of resources.

Tuition cost will double and the public will Demand an alternative to the mandatory training law which will require DPS to reinstate road test and written test requiring more FTEs and millions of dollars in funding the additional work required on an already problematic Driver License system, please reference issue #1 of this report.

The ATV program should be placed at TPW as they are associated with public lands and have a related program already.

The dedicated motorcycle safety fund is collected from motorcycle license fees for this purpose saving 400,000 per year will cost an estimated 2.4 million in Driver License resources to return to road and written test administration. Please don't spend 2.4 million per year to save 400,000.

The employees are highly skilled and dedicated motorcycle safety professionals as required by state of Texas job titles and descriptions.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree