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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Diana

Last Name: Bigham

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Abilene

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I prefer that we continue to have regulatory oversight provided by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. One concern is that I want to continue to have high standards for licensure as it currently must hold advanced graduate degrees under Texas law. None of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue to have the TX State Board of Examiners to serve as oversight for licensing for mental health licensure.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Diana

Last Name: Bigham

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Abilene

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to being moved from DSHS to TDLR. I am a Health Care provider and need to be under a department that works with other health care entities, I do not want my license to be taxed to pay for the move, I am a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and I do not want it to be diminished due to a move to a department that works with occupational licenses (which do not have a master's level degree). TDLR has no history in working with mental health issues and are not equipped like DSHS. I have a concern that if we are not with other Health Care providers that insurance may decide to not reimburse us because for not being under the health department for the State of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue being under DSHS

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree