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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Changes to the Texas Midwifery Board or it's laws should NOT be tabled until the sunset review in 2016-2017. The Texas Midwifery Board should never be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. The fact that the DSHS is equipped to regulate healthcare professions, makes it the obvious BEST place for the midwifery board to be. This is the best interest of the public, in maintaining great practice standards, and improving upon safety.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: ACOG/TCOG have commented that there is a conflict interest because midwives hold the majority on the midwifery board. They are choosing to completely ignore the fact that doctors hold the majority in the Medical Board, and nurses hold the majority on the Board of Nursing. The sunset review commission chose to give midwives the majority on the board, since other Boards at DSHS and around the country have practitioners from that profession as the majority on the Board. This is not a new trend, or one that is singled out or the midwifery board alone!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree