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

The Texas Midwifery Board is not due for Sunset Review until 2016-2017. Any changes to the make-up of the Midwifery Board or it's law or rules should be tabled until that review.

The Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. DSHS is best equipped to regulate health care professions.

The move will eliminate rule-making authority of the Midwifery Board, an ability crucial to continually improving safety and maintaining best practice standards.

In the past, the Sunset Review Commission has rejected the idea of moving the Texas Midwifery Board to the Medical Board or the Board of Nursing. These are not viable alternatives since Licensed Midwives are not doctors, nurses, or physician assistants. They are not medical professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board and revisions should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree