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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The Offender Education Programs - DWI Intervention, DWI Education and Drug Offender Education Programs - are programs that yes, they are mandated after receiving an offense charge, but once the programs are mandated they are the only educational courses offered either pre-trial or by probation requirements that provide a means to help the offender change their risky behaviors. I believe these programs should be kept in an active status to help ensure that the safety of our communities and our state are maintained. I also believe there would be a major impact on public safety should these programs be deleted from their offerings.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If DSHS is to continue to maintain standards for offender education curriculum for the courts to use in sentencing then providers of these programs should be licensed and regulated by DSHS to maintain continuity of standards for both the approved and required curriculum and those that provide them.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree