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

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.

I have personally used midwifery services for the births of my two daughters.

We had home births (not in a healthcare facility) and had wonderful experiences. Midwives are very dedicated to their profession and provide a great service. Although midwives have their own rules/regulations, they work with doctors and nurses on a regular basis. It is best to keep all of these boards close so policies can be changed on an as needed basis and not regulated by others who do not educated on the safety and health of humans.

A midwife is not on the same playing field as an electrician or nail technician. All healthcare services should be organized and maintained with the same agencies (DSHS).

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Because the Texas Midwifery Board is not due for Sunset Review until 2016-2017, any changes to the make-up of the board, its law or rules should be tabled until that review. Un-necessary changes do not result in good decisions or outcomes.

Leave a good thing in place.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree