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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Hearing Aid Association, Inc.

City: Austin

State: Texas

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

THAA is a not-for-profit trade association comprised of the hearing healthcare professionals licensed under Chapter 402 of the Texas Occupations Code by the State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments, which is operates within the professional licensing division of the Texas Department of State Health Services. The association represents over two-thirds of the licensed hearing aid dispensers that would be affected by this report.

The THAA Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed recommendations in the report and files the following comments on behalf of the THAA membership:

1. THAA fully supports Recommendation 3.2 on page 53 of the report. We agree that transferring the licensing responsibilities set forth under Chapter 402 to TDLR would improve the State's regulation of licensed hearing aid dispensers.
2. THAA fully supports the proposed date of September 1, 2015 for transfer of the State Licensing Committee from DSHS to TDLR.
3. THAA looks forward to developing a formal relationship with TDLR to ensure the development of an efficient, yet thorough licensing process that properly serves and protects the hearing impaired of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Not at this time.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree