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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: My organization works with the DSHS agency staff in the process to license midwives. We verify to the state that the applicant for licensure has attained the national credential and/or to provide a mechanism for the state applicants to sit for the national exam. There are more than 200 midwives licensed in Texas, providing maternity care to thousands of women and families every year. This program is working so well within DSHS. To move this program to the TDLR could be very disruptive to the program and to the services provided by the midwives. An "advisory board" under the TDLR would be much less effective in establishing the appropriate rules for the practice of midwifery than the current Midwifery Board under DSHS. Midwifery is a HEALTH service, and belongs under the Dept of Health Services.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep the licensure of midwives under the Department of State Health Services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree