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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Issue 8 DSHS report to Sunset Advisory Commission. The Youth Camp Advisory Committee should not be abolished. The committee has been very effective in carrying out the functions the Legislative given to us. One of those task functions was to be dethatched from the agency so as to function as a balance and check on the Administrative Code purposed by staff. I am not sure who the accountant was who came up with \$9,000 per group and the added together the staff time spent each group would equal to 90% of one staff member. I can tell you that this is not the case with the Youth Advisory Committee. Through the research done by committee members on purposed rule; I believe we save the agency money. The Youth Camp Advisory Committees has and can evolved over the years but it cannot be come in active or done away with by the department because we serve at the desires of the Legislature. Those industry member who set on the committee have connections with camps across Texas and provide almost and overnight response for feedback. This allows rules to be recommended with little or no objection when sent out for public review. The public members allows comment from others outside of industry. I do want DSHS flexibility but I do not want them to not to have any checks and balances determined by the Legislative Branch. I feel this is their way of doing away with this valuable resource. I see the Youth Advisory Committee as a strong effective group working hard to keep the children of Texas safe and to advise staff when drawing up administrative code to the industry standers through ACA, CCCA, other sates, and other camping groups.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The sunset committee could do away with the Youth Camp Act and allow legislature to set up a Department to have oversight of camp, recreation organizations, fun parks, and other seasonal activities.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree