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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Being a Respiratory Therapist I see the everyday need for educated therapists in all patient care areas. From the floor where there exists hesitation by other healthcare members to recognize and act quickly and appropriately during emergency situations. To appropriately provide care with many respiratory devices that other members of the team are not competent in using. If left on their own without guidance there could be disastrous outcomes. In the ICUs the Respiratory Therapist is crucial in providing quality care with ventilator management which is far more than turning knobs but a deep understanding of theory of ventilation and all the mechanics that go with it. Respiratory Therapists train the physicians not only in their residency but continue in many of their later practices of appropriate ventilator management. The Respiratory therapists assist/ provide respiratory related procedures such as bronchoscopies, pulmonary function testing, ventilation support in CT, MRI other radiology specialty areas for procedures, endoscopy, etc....without trained Respiratory Therapists the prior preparations are not usually predicted and prepared for and common sentinel events will be common. Quality care will definitely dissolve and Texas healthcare will be a scary landscape of disaster for the patients. Respiratory Therapists are commonly under appreciated for their very specialized training that other specialties do not possess. The Respiratory Therapist is commonly minimally staffed to be a singular voice in a large crowd of other care givers. If allowed to do their job and their voice respected, The Respiratory Therapist can be an even greater asset in all the critical areas of the hospital, not less.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No changes to the Respiratory Care Practitioner licensing in Texas. May regulate them under a different agency if deemed more appropriate. But maintaining quality Therapists competent in performing their critical jobs should remain the ultimate goal.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree