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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The Youth Camp Advisory Committee should not be abolished in statute as it is the working link between DSHS and the youth camps to vet health and safety issues for the Texas youth camp industry. As a person that has a background in working with the state as a licensed child care administrator, I have seen groups like this taken away and our voice of experience and understanding given away to people in government positions that have no clue as to what we do or what we deal with ..... please understand your knowledge is not in this field and we are here to help not hurt.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Texas Youth Camps are diverse including day camps, overnight camps, private, religious, scout and Y camps, some as few as 5 days and others as long as 3 months. All must be considered when writing rules.

Rule writing for this industry is tedious and involves land, water, campers, counselors, facilities, food preparation, nursing, and activities. It is a time-consuming process.

The YCAC provides feedback on the inspection process and tools used, sometimes discovering issues that need attention.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree