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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:

In reading the Sunset Staff Report, one issue stands out. The Youth Camp Advisory Committee should NOT be abolished as a working link between DSHS and the youth camps. This committee has the opportunity to vet issues for the Texas youth camp industry. Communication of and access to the committee meetings are critical to our industry. Rule-writing for our industry is tedious and laborious, but extremely important to the safety of our campers and staff and to the smooth running of our programs. Texas Youth Camps have always worked with the DSHS to insure the good communication and safety for Texas children since the early 70's. Rule writing is key, and youth camps are diverse. Day camps, overnight camps, private, religious, scout, YMCA camps and some camps that operate as few as 5 days should have input and be considered in the writing of rules that affect their operations. This committee that is currently in place represents this industry. As a camp director with over 40 years of camping experience, I strongly recommend keeping this YOUTH CAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not abolish the Youth Camp Advisory Committee!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree