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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I think the Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. I understand that move would get rid of the rule-making authority of the Midwifery Board, an ability crucial to continually improving safety and maintaining best practice standards.

In the past, the Sunset Review Commission has chosen not to move the Texas Midwifery Board to the Medical Board or the Board of Nursing because Licensed Midwives are not doctors, nurses, or physician assistants.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I support the recommendation that Midwives retain their majority on their own professional board, just as doctors and nurses do on their respective boards.

Also, midwives should not be required to jump other "hoops" to jump through by taking another accreditation exam. The Texas Midwifery Board already requires standardized education for Licensed Midwives as well as the NARM exam, a 350-question, eight-hour comprehensive midwifery exam. These new standards would put over 200 midwives out of business, harming Texas' economy and reducing access to maternity care for thousands of Texans.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree