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

I am opposed to discontinuing TSBED. I feel the current licensure process does regulate the public's safety. The LD credentials are something an individual in need of nutrition advice can look for to assure they are using a professional who can provide them customized medical nutritional therapy. Anyone can sell products and profess themselves as educated. This is the only mechanism the public can use to validate they are using a safe source for nutrition care.

To say dietitian practices occur in a highly regulated environment is not accurate. Some do work in hospitals, however there are many who work independently and unsupervised. It is in these situations that the public seeks out and need assistance with knowing who can provide them safe care.

That is the role of licensing professionals vs allowing self-proclaimed experts to give advice which could adversely affect the health and well-being of an individual.

I hope you will reconsider eliminating the Licensed Dietitian.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

1. I would suggest moving the licensure of dietitians to the medical board since dietitians work in partnership with physicians to enhance the health of the public.
2. Consider moving the dietitian licensure function to the Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation to assure there is scrutiny regarding education and there is a mechanism to report unsafe acts or situations.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree