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

I agree with teh SUNset Commission that DSHS is too large and has an exceeding large scope. Many of the reocmmendations appear reasonable.

However, I am opposed to moving the mental health groups (LPC, SW, LMFT, CDC) to the TDLR. Mental health issues and the regulation of all those profesisonals who provide those services are too complicated and nuanced to be handled by the TDLR Board.

Given the continued national scrutiny of mental helath issues, assurances should be made that the profesisonals in Texas are fully and complety protect and provide appropriate care to the citizens of Texas,

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: While it makes sense for these mental health groups to depart DSHS, I recommend a new agency in which all mental helth groups would be 'housed', continuing to reduce administrative costs. Because of similar dynamics (all mental health) many areas could be managed as one, then seperate as needed.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree