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

Licensed athletic trainers are a unique member of the healthcare professional team that works under physician supervision to ensure the safety and proper medical management of thousands of student athletes, professional athletes and active individuals across Texas.

The athletic trainer must be a competent and trusted practitioner that is capable of preventing, identifying and managing public health issues that include orthopedic injuries contributing to life quality and work quality/quantity, infectious disease management and identification such as MRSA, concussion, sickle cell disease and encouraging/enabling healthy life styles from middle school through late adult-hood.

House Bill 2038 was passed into law to ensure that the concussion epidemic in youth and school sports was addressed with appropriate education, training, interventions, treatment and management. Athletic trainers are at the forefront in identifying and implementing policies geared towards addressing the many issues associated with concussion. The athletic trainer works with public schools, urgent care clinics, hospitals, physicians, military and state agencies to improve concussion care quality and education across Texas.

For the sake of the patients athletic trainers treat across Texas and to ensure collaborative efforts with other healthcare professionals to properly manage public health issues, it is imperative that the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers not be moved from the Department of State Health Services to the TDLR as recommended by the sunset committee.

While the American Medical Association has recognized athletic training as an allied healthcare professional since 1990, the public, at large, does not readily understand the healthcare role that the athletic trainer plays. Therefore, it is requisite that an appropriate advisory board monitor, educate and ensure the public regarding athletic

training clinical practice.

While it would be adequate for the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers to remain within the DSHS, a better alternative that has been proposed is to move the advisory board to the Texas Medical Board. Due to the variety of settings, public health issues, the concussion epidemic and the unique relationship with a physician, the public's trust would best be ensured by the Texas Medical Board.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Due to the variety of settings, public health issues, the concussion epidemic and the unique relationship with a physician, the public's trust in the athletic training profession would best be ensured by the Texas Medical Board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree