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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to moving Texas Midwifery Board under TDLR. As an employee of a technical college and wife of a construction business owner, TDLR is NOT associated with medical and health care services. Also, the Texas Midwifery Board is not due for Sunset Review until 2016-2017. Any changes to the Midwifery Board or it's law or rules should be tabled until that review is complete. I had a wonderful experience working with a midwife for my first pregnancy and always felt that I was receiving the best care for me and my son.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: ACOG/TCOG have stated in their comments that "lay midwives" should have to comply with ACME standards and take the AMCB exam for certification. First, Licensed Midwives are not "lay midwives". 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. NARM is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) which is the same accredits ACME.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree