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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

The Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. DSHS is best equipped to regulate health care professions.

The move will eliminate rule-making authority of the Midwifery Board, an ability crucial to continually improving safety and maintaining best practice standards.

My personal experience with midwives has been wonderful I felt like I was in highly capable hands.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The requirements recommended by ACOG/TCOG are for nurse-midwives with an expanded scope beyond that of the Licensed Midwife and are not specialized for providing care in out-of-hospital settings. These standards would put over 200 midwives out of business, harming Texas' economy and reducing access to maternity care for thousands of Texans. The reduced access reduces a woman's choice to the type of care and birth experience she wants to have.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree