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

The report proposes to move regulatory administration of many licenses currently housed in DSHS to TDLR. One of these licenses is the Licensed Athletic Training, a license I maintain. Athletic trainers are health professionals, recognized as such by the AMA, and I do not believe moving them to an umbrella licensing agency serves the public good.

Athletic trainers function in Texas as first-line medical providers to thousands of children in the public schools, as well as providing rehabilitation and conditioning/reconditioning services to adults in many clinics and hospitals across Texas. As such, having their license and advisory board function as a unit of the Texas Medical Board would be a more appropriate action than transfer to the TDLR, which appears to function primarily as an administrative agency and not an agency set up to evaluate and review conduct of health care professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Move the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers and the Athletic Training license to the Texas Medical Advisory Board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree