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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing to oppose moving Texas LMFTs from DSHS to TDLR. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists are health care providers with at least Master's level training. Some, like myself, have doctoral level degrees. No disrespect intended towards the occupations proposed to move to TDLR, but there is no comparison between the nature of the work we do and the quantity or quality of education and training required for our licensures. TDLR has no background for monitoring the LMFT profession and the damage done to the profession and the community could be significant if this move is approved.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: TLMFTs should remain under the supervision of the DSHS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree