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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support the continuation of the Licensure of Dyslexia Practitioners and Therapists. This licensure recognizes the field of Dyslexia specialists. The training for these specialists is extensive and they serve a much neglected community. Dyslexia is a neurological difference, in which the individual, though intelligent, struggles to read, spell and express himself in written composition. This condition is remediable, but not curable. With remediation these bright and capable people are allowed to realize their potential and make true contributions to our society. Untreated students with Dyslexia are reported, in research, to be significantly at risk for drug and alcohol abuse, dropping out of school, emotional problems such as anxiety and depression and suicide. The professionals who are trained to remediate the learning differences of these individuals deserve state licensure. Texas has led the way in this licensure and other states are following. It would be a negative for our state, if this licensure did not continue.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I have no alternative or new recommendation on this agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree