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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: We should have licensure to do any kind of testing in health care industry. It is very important the qualified personnel should do the lab test vs. un qualified personnel. I totally support the recommendation for the licensure in medical technology.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Department of State Health Services and all clinical laboratories in the state need licensed laboratory personnel performing laboratory tests that impact public health. Certification and education equate quality; however, certification is not mandatory in Texas. The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) requires a high school education for personnel performing moderately complex laboratory tests such as microscopically analyzing a blood smear to determine if a patient has malignant cells and performing blood typing for life or death blood transfusions. Lab testing requires expertise that is NOT provided in high school. Texas has had the highest number of CLIA sanctioned labs in the country for the last 6 years. Clearly, the status quo is not working. I recommend licensure for clinical laboratory professionals that are performing lab testing in clinical and public health labs.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree