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

I would like to support that the Advisory Board Of Athletic Trainers be placed under the Texas Medical Board and oppose that it be moved under the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

As a former chairman of the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers, I urge you to consider the impact that the current recommendation will have of our profession. Athletic Training is a very unique and poorly understood profession. By law, we work under the general guidance of a physician. I feel that due to our physician relationship and type of health care that we deliver, we are better suited to be moved under the Texas Medical Board.

Athletic Trainers work in a variety of settings, but our largest impact in the state is in the secondary schools. A large role of the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers is to protect the people of the state of Texas by setting and regulating the standards that an athletic trainer must abide by. Our children deserve to be protected, treated and regulated by a board with true medical over-site. This would not be the case under TDLR.

From a financial standpoint, the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers has consistently generated revenue that meets and exceeds its operational costs.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Remain as an advisory board in its current location.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree