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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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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: I oppose the recommendation that LPC licensure be moved to TDLR. The argument that mental health professions are unrelated to DSHS's core public health mission indicates to me a problem with DSHS's definition of public health. This move serves the department, but does not serve the public or our profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: While Sunset clearly disagrees, it makes sense to have a separate regulating agency or department for mental health. I agree that many of the professions regulated by DSHS pose a very small risk to public health, however I don't believe mental health is one of those professions.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree