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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 strongly oppose the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission on DSHS. As a current RRT of the Seton Healthcare Family, everyday I'm reminded just how crucial and rewarding it is to have a dedicated and knowledgeable team of competent respiratory therapists. We are referred to as "adrenaline junkies of the hospital" for the reason that when life or death situations arise We Respiratory Therapists are the calm to the very rapidly changing, stressful, and intense critical moments in patient care. As other team members of the healthcare are vital, they are no less needed than a licensed RT. For life is breath and breathing is our specialty. Why wouldn't you want someone fully mastered when breathing completely ceases? That's a HUGE deal. The technique and the skill is critical thus the education and the proper regulation of holding a license should always be mandated. Please Please reconsider this.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Recommend the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, and those trying to implement this specifically, actually observe Respiratory Therapists at work. Physically go to a level 1 trauma unit, go to a level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and truly see what degree of specialty is involved.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree