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

It is important that we should stay under the Department of State Health Services for a variety of important reasons.

1. Athletic Training is recognized by the American Medical Association as a health care profession.
2. Athletic Trainers are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians.
3. AT's work directly with patients in the areas of prevention, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.
4. United States President, Barak Obama, recently supported an initiative for youth sports safety. NATA, in collaboration with the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society, will support a national initiative to place athletic trainers in underserved high schools in NFL markets during the 2014 football season.
<http://www.nata.org/nata-news-blog/president-obama-announces-natanfl-collaboration>.
5. The Youth Sports Safety Alliance and it's members work to ensure that youth athletes have access to health care professionals who are qualified to make assessments and decisions; athletic trainers being the qualified healthcare professional. These members include various medical associations. The list can be found at
<http://www.youthsportssafetyalliance.org/allianceMembers>.

Sen. Jane Nelson is Chair of Sunset Commission and Vice Chair is Rep. Four Price, both very helpful in us getting HB 2038 passed, and they understand the importance of AT's in Texas. If you know them, send them a copy of the email you submit to the Commission site.

Bottom line, we are still the front health care provider for countless young Texan's involved in interscholastic athletic activities across the state.

Sincerely,

Angela Vincent, Athletic Trainer

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

As health care professionals, AT's should not be placed with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, rather AT's should remain under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Health Services or moved to the Texas Medical Board.

This is a health & safety issue, we must ensure those practicing as an AT have met the appropriate standards and maintain the proper continuing education. Thank you for your time and consideration.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree