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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 would like to express my strong opposition to disbanding the Youth Camp Advisory Committee. This is a small committee that takes very few resources, but impacts a multitude of children and youth in our state who attend camps each year. If the committee is removed from statutory requirement, but added back by rule, there would be no savings unless DSHS just decided it wouldn't meet. The committee has actually saved the State money by doing research with organizations like the American Camping Association to present to State employees and recommending best practices for Youth Camp rules. Additionally, the committee has acted in a checks and balances role in going to bat for camps and children against inspectors who were either ill equipped, poorly trained or who acted in an unprofessional manner in their role. There is no reason the DSHS would form this committee under rule if it could lead to extra work or review from professionals in the industry. Camping has been placed in an increasingly hostile regulation environment which has created an uneven playing field in the last decade, and the voice of camp representatives must continue to be heard. While I'm a proponent of limited government and dissolving ineffective or unneeded committees, the Youth Camp Advisory Committee is neither of these. It is needed more than ever.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Remove the Youth Camp Advisory Committee from the list of recommended committees to be removed, and allow it's continuation as required by statute.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree