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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support the move of the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers from DSHS. The inefficiency and lack of support from the DSHS, both fiscally and employee support hinders the operation of the Board, license application and renewal, and licensee discipline. However, moving to the Advisory Board to the TDLC and changing the Board to a "Committee" weakens the enforcement of the Athletic Trainer's Act. The Board must have independent authority to issue, suspend, discipline or revoke a license, especially when a licensee has acted inappropriately. Also, a physician member needs to be added to the Board's makeup. Athletic Trainers, by law, practice under the direction of a physician. It is imperative that a physician is a permanent member of the Board to represent the physician direction to athletic trainers throughout the State.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I suggest the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers be renamed to State Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners and housed within the Texas Medical Board. Rationale: athletic trainers are independent practitioners of athletic health care with direct access to the majority of athletes in the State of Texas. The need for an independent Board within a "health care" environment preserves the autonomy of the Board and houses it within an appropriate health care group of Boards.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree