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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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

I support the creation of the BHEC through expanding the role and function of the current psychology board as the model for developing the licensing and regulatory activities of the independent professions. The qualification and functions of the separate professions are sufficiently similar to justify this multi-professional combination by the State of Texas.

I oppose the classification of professional appointees of the BHEC as "Ex-Officio members" which has the effect of discounting the critical values of professional knowledge and experience in the formulation of state regulations. Knowledgeable professionals should be able to influence the licensing standards and procedures involved in administering critical services for the citizens who consume these services.

Each of the boards should function autonomously and maintain independence under the BHEC.

One of the serious flaws in the TSBSWE was the state's failure to allocate adequate funding for effective and efficient operations of the licensing function. The TSBSWE collected far more funds than were used in administering the program; effectively treating professional regulation of the Social Work profession as a taxing resource for the state treasury.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The BHEC should be composed of nine voting members consisting of one public and one professional practitioner from each of the four boards and a public member appointed by the Governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree