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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: Benjamim

Last Name: Beard

Title: Retired

Organization you are affiliated with:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: First thing is I do not understand why the Breeder licensing isn't under the Texas Agriculture Department. These are live animals, not beauticians or HVAC technicians you are regulating. People familiar with livestock should be conducting the licensing inspections and issuing of licenses. Having years of experience helping my son with his kennel, I can testify that the program requires way too much regulatory paper work which actually impedes in time needed to care for a large kennel. We found it too cumbersome and forced our son to close down the kennel this February.

Basically, you took a fun a hobby and made it into a stressful government regulated nightmare. All you really accomplished was forcing the price to go up due to forcing breeders to quit.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Move the licensing and regulation from TDLR to the Texas Agricultural Department.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree