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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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

Please do not abolish the licensed breeder program. As it is, Texas has an abundance of unwanted animals roaming the streets, many suffering and negatively impacting citizens' quality of life. Eliminating this important bill will only make the situation worse.

As it is, so much taxpayer money is devoted to trying to solve this problem and, at least in Houston, citizens say they are in favor of spending more/allocating more (as per the Kinder Institute Houston Area Survey 2020). Dr. Klineburg from the Kinder Institute has said that if Houston doesn't get this problem under control, it will impact it's ability to attract talent - no one wants to drive around dodging dogs on roads and seeing them suffer on the streets. During Hurricane Harvey, many dogs were saved from the flooding but very few were picked up by owners - one can assume because they were unowned or had irresponsible owners. We have to get this problem under control before we can even begin to think about loosening restrictions.

People think they can make a quick buck on the puppies, but when they don't sell or need medical care, many are just dumped in shelters or on the streets. This is a burden on taxpayers and creates a safety hazard, not to mention it is emotionally draining for the hundreds of people trying to fix this problem. Please don't let greed overrule decency and humanity. The animals and the citizens are counting on you to protect them.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please consider closing loopholes to remove the "20 puppies" threshold for being considered a breeder and lower the number of breeding females allowed from 11, the highest in the nation, to five.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree