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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: Regulation of breeders is imperative to ensure the humane treatment of animals. This law is critical and should not be sunset. Instead, efforts to improve the regulation should be done and make changes needed for enforcement and inspection. The lack of regulation will lead to more animal suffering, criminal animal cruelty. This regulation provides a tool to investigators to in their animal cruelty investigations, helping to reduce and prevent animal suffering.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Change from 11 to 5 animal requirement; remove the sales requirement; close loopholes; change/provide resources to ensure enforcement and inspection; encourage teaming with local agencies to provide resources.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree