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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed of the new recommendations to the Texas State Health Services. In 1982 the State of Texas Health Department(as they were referred to than) enacted State Law that professionalized Animal Control Officers. All ACO's were required to be State certified though the Municipality they were employed with. I was among that first class in 1982 and have been State Certified for 30 + years. To redeem your certification, continuing education hours were required every 2 years. The same is required of Code Enforcement Officers. It was a BIG step forward to have these professions certified under the State and I feel we would be taking a Giant leap Backwards to discontinue these certifications. I believe that any profession that is required to wear a BADGE and enforce Municipal law should be mandated at the State level. With strict budget constants to Cities in Texas, the hiring of unqualified individuals have become "common place". Cities try to fill available positions at lower wages to meet budget. With State Mandated requirements Cities would be required to hire qualified personnel. Please do not place the responsibility of ensuring qualified personnel at a City Municipal level.
Thank you

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Only suggestion I have is to place Code Enforcement certification under a similar Certifying agency that the State, at one time, placed Animal Control Certification under. ACO certification has gone back and forth under the certification of the State and certification by the Texas Animal Control Association. Same can be done by certifying Code Enforcement Officers under a similar Association.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree