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**Topic:** Restrict Local Authority

My opinion on the matter of the State liquor authority trying to restrict local licensing authority by mandating time constraints that application(s) must be directed to them, whether complete or incomplete is not in the context that the State licensing authority was created for.

I don't think that legislature, even back in the days your group was created, ever had the intention of controlling local authorities to such a degree. I do not feel this is a good direction to pursue, given the added cost and work this perceived practice would cause on both sides of the table. Local authorities are not able to request budget appropriations for legislative actions or by emergency rules.

By having local authorities submit incomplete, non--approved applications would increase the workload on both city and county authorities, as well as the States workers and contract employees, who have often been brought in to try and gap the lack of coverage in many areas of State filings. It might also bear undue distress on applicants and not allow them their due process, given to them by law.

My question here is what work items would it actual decrease? Is there data that backs up this request to restrict local control and force them to submit incomplete or incorrect applications? Given the past history of State performance after filing with them, it has not always been a given that applications were reviewed in a timely manner, no matter when they were received at the State.

There doesn't seem to be very much comprehensive training to staff, as one reviewer will ask for certain items and the other reviewers will not. This leaves the local authorities already asking for training, in a gap of not understanding what the State wants or needs for a license or permit approval.

The recent shift away from issuing bulletins, that used to give insights or directions, warrant a lack of trust and respect between the dual licensing authorities. By causing the locals to increase their workloads by putting on these mandates, further restricting local control, is not a good plan.