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**on HERS in California and proposed changes**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

To Docket 22-HERS-02

From Kristin Andersen, Architect

Re: Status of HERS Industry in California and proposed changes

Date: November 3, 2022

I've worked in CA since 2017 following 6 years in OR and WA focused on building envelope, and am an architect registered in all three states. I currently work with both new construction and existing, distressed buildings, including multifamily and single-family, often providing litigation support for disputes following water intrusion of the building envelope.

In all the projects I've seen in my short term here in CA, not one exterior wall assembly matched the T24 reports, and no HERS raters were used, no reports were to be found, and yet the buildings passed their final inspections. I have theories about this better left unsaid.

I don't see any note indicating who is to pay for the HERS services. Is it the building owner – the contractor?

I do not see contractors making a point of providing energy efficient structures the way they are marketed in OR and WA. I suggest contractors be required to complete special training in energy efficiency and building weather resistance to retain their licenses.

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