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Draft Staff Report: 2022 Update of the Home Energy Rating System Requirements

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Introduction

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff have published a draft staff report, which discusses existing issues with the current implementation of the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) program and proposed amendments to the HERS regulations (Title 20, the California Code of Regulations, sections 1670-1675) to address those issues. This draft staff report is docketed as [22-HERS-02](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-HERS-02>.

Abstract of the Draft Staff Report

The HERS regulations establish a Whole House Rating program, which is a voluntary home energy usage rating program that provides efficiency upgrade recommendations to improve the home rating. The HERS program utilizes HERS Providers and HERS Raters. HERS Providers certify, train, and oversee HERS Raters. HERS Raters perform the whole-house ratings.

Another program, the Field Verification and Diagnostic Testing program, also utilizes HERS Providers and Raters. The Field Verification and Diagnostic Testing program is a mandatory administrative program used to collect data and verify compliance with the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) located in Title 24, Parts 1 and 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

As this staff report presents, the overlap of the Whole House Rating program and Field Verification and Diagnostic Testing program has made Energy Code compliance difficult and confusing for stakeholders; and management of the HERS program challenging for the CEC. As a result, the CEC is proposing to add all aspects of the Field Verification and Diagnostic Testing program requirements to Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. Correspondingly, this report proposes to remove any provisions in the HERS Regulations that may be potentially duplicative of or conflicting with the Field

Verification and Diagnostic Testing program being added to Title 24, Part 1 and 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

Public Comment.

CEC staff invites comment on the draft staff report during a comment period from October 26, 2022, to December 16, 2022. Any person may submit written comments to the CEC for consideration during this period. The CEC appreciates receiving written comments at the earliest possible date. The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [22-HERS-02](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-HERS-02) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-HERS-02>.

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In addition, CEC staff intends to conduct a workshop concerning this rulemaking and the proposals in the draft staff report. Persons who are present will be invited to make oral comments.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address if provided in a comment) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

Public Advisor.

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Document Availability

This document is available on the [Modifications to FV&DT Program Requirements](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2025-building-energy-efficiency-0) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2025-building-energy-efficiency-0>. Staff is planning to hold several workshops concerning this document, dates to be determined.

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