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Having read the proposed mandate to eliminate potable water heater below the BTU rating of 75k will cause a great strain among homeowners.

Having property owners convert to electrical means of heating isnt as easy to convert due to complex designs of most homes in the Bay Area.

Having been servicing the Bay Area for over 20 years in water heating, We often find challenges with fitment of tank location and accommodating certain requirements needed for proper tank operation. Not being able to properly terminate condensation drains for example, and achieving proper combustion air requirements for Heat Pump style heaters.

All of course can be done and is not impossible, but it comes with a pricey cost where you will get a lot of push back from consumers.

This mandate will cause homeowners to find impractical ways to get the job done without going through proper channels and forcing questionable hiring of contractors (Handyman work) that is not to code or unsafe.

I believe staying the course with new construction and existing homes that are able to make the transition to Heat Pump or solar electric will be the best decision without the stress of proper owners having to basically remodel their home to suit a water heater.

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