

SB 45-Support Letter- BEMA Construction Company

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Letter in support of HB 81 and SB 161.

Having testified at the last hearing I want to put into writing two examples of consumers getting harmed by unlicensed contractors.

The first example was a home that had many structural issues that caused the home to be unlivable. The exterior walls were built on a cantilevered engineered floor truss system that was far out of code. Imagine a 500 pound weight sitting on the end edge of a diving board. The exterior walls were actually deflecting downward and allowing water to enter the home both through the roof and wall systems. Our company was contracted to repair the errors and were able to leave the home owner satisfied that her home was structurally sound and water tight. The cost was quite expensive. Had she employed a licensed contractor in the first place 111 would have been avoided.

The second example was a home that was relatively new. The home owner bought the house and thought all was well. It was then that a major sewer back-up revealed a major problem with the main sewage line to the septic. The line was not placed properly and was actually sheared off by the ground movement during house and ground settling. The crawl space was inundated with sewage and a major clean-up was needed.

Sincerely,

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