

HB 2141 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure creates a program to register commercial interior designers through the State Board of Architect Examiners (Board). The measure defines commercial interior design and registered commercial interior designer. Requires the registered commercial interior designer to acquire a stamp that along with a signature would constitute the designer has control over the content of a technical submission. The measure regulates how a commercial interior designer may submit work to a municipality. The measure requires registration to be valid for two years before needing to be renewed requiring good standing and a fee. Allows for a complaint about a commercial interior designer to be submitted to the Board. The number of Board members is increased to 11 adding three commercial interior designers and one additional member of the public to the Board. Establishes the responsibilities of the three commercial interior designer board members. Establishes the process that board must take when adopting policy. The measure creates a prohibition against practicing architecture without registering and establishes a civil penalty for falsely using the title of registered commercial interior designer. The measure becomes operative July 1, 2026, Boards may adopt rules before the operative date and the Governor may appoint board members before the operative date. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The practice of interior design
- Concerns about regulation
- Barriers to work requiring registration

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment changes the meaning of commercial interior design and excludes the practice of architecture or modifying the structural system, building envelope, mechanical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical, elevators, fire protection or alarms, exit stairs, or other construction that materially affects life safety systems. The amendment defines Eligible, nonstructural element, qualifying organization, registrant, and responsible control. requires registration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). Registration requires educational requirements, experience, and a fee.

BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the registration and regulation of the practice of architecture and provision of architectural services in Oregon.

The International Interior Design Association defines interior design as the professional and comprehensive practice of creating an interior environment that addresses, protects, and responds to human need(s). It is the art, science, and business planning of a creative, technical, sustainable, and functional interior solution that corresponds to the architecture of a space, while incorporating process and strategy, a mandate for well-being, safety, and health, with informed decisions about style and aesthetics.