

House Bill 2141

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: Tells a state board to come up with rules to register people as commercial interior designers. Takes effect 91 days after the session ends. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Creates a volunteer registry with the State Board of Architect Examiners for commercial interior designers. Requires the Governor to appoint four new members to the board, three of whom must be registered commercial interior designers. Prescribes the powers and duties of the reconstituted board with respect to registering and specifying a scope of practice for registered commercial interior designers. Permits registered commercial interior designers to stamp and sign, and have accepted by regulatory authorities, technical submissions within the appropriate scope of work as part of an application for a building permit.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to registration for commercial interior designers; creating new provisions; amending ORS
3 671.010, 671.020, 671.030, 671.050, 671.080, 671.085, 671.100, 671.120, 671.125 and 671.220; and
4 prescribing an effective date.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1.** ORS 671.010 is amended to read:

7 671.010. As used in ORS 671.010 to 671.220:

8 (1) "Architect" means a registered architect or a foreign architect.

9 (2) "Architectural firm" means a business entity that, for compensation, provides the services
10 of an architect or engages in the practice of architecture.

11 (3) "Building" means a structure that has the purpose of supporting or sheltering any use or
12 occupancy.

13 (4) "Business entity" means a partnership, limited partnership, corporation, professional corpo-
14 ration, limited liability company, business trust, joint venture or other form of business organization
15 the constituent parts of which share a common economic interest.

16 (5) "**Commercial interior design**" means:

17 (a) **The art and science of designing, in whole or in part, the interior and layout of a**
18 **building, office, retail establishment or other space that is open to the public or that is used**
19 **in commerce, manufacturing or other businesses, for the purpose of enhancing the**
20 **functionality, aesthetic value or usability of the building, office, retail establishment or other**
21 **space; and**

22 (b) **Providing services related to the functions described in paragraph (a) of this sub-**
23 **section, including planning, developing concepts, preparing technical submissions and other**
24 **documents and coordinating with other consultants and professionals to complete work on**
25 **the interior of a building, office, retail establishment or other space described in paragraph**
26 **(a) of this subsection.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 [(5)] (6) “Construction phase services” means services an architect provides for the purpose of
 2 determining that construction work on a building is proceeding generally in accordance with re-
 3 quirements set forth in a technical submission.

4 [(6)] (7) “Foreign architect” means a person that has a valid license or registration from a ju-
 5 risdiction other than this state that authorizes the person to engage in the practice of architecture
 6 within the jurisdiction that issued the license or registration.

7 [(7)] (8) “Foreign architectural firm” means a business entity that has a valid license or regis-
 8 tration from a jurisdiction other than this state that authorizes the business entity to engage in the
 9 practice of architecture within the jurisdiction that issued the license or registration.

10 [(8)] (9) “Practice of architecture” means engaging in the art and science of designing, in whole
 11 or in part, buildings and the space within and appurtenant to buildings and providing related ser-
 12 vices that include, but are not limited to, planning, developing design concepts, preparing technical
 13 submissions and other documents that define a building’s form and function, coordinating con-
 14 struction work and the work of other consultants and providing construction phase services.

15 [(9)] (10) “Registered architect” means an individual who has a valid certificate of registration
 16 issued by the State Board of Architect Examiners under ORS 671.010 to 671.220 that authorizes the
 17 individual to engage in the practice of architecture within this state.

18 [(10)] (11) “Registered architectural firm” means a business entity that has a valid certificate
 19 of registration issued by the State Board of Architect Examiners under ORS 671.010 to 671.220 that
 20 authorizes the business entity to engage in the practice of architecture within this state.

21 **(12) “Registered commercial interior designer” means an individual who has a certificate**
 22 **of registration as a registered commercial interior designer that the State Board of Archi-**
 23 **tect Examiners issued under ORS 671.050 or renewed under ORS 671.080.**

24 [(11)] (13) “Responsible control” means a degree of control over an operation that is consistent
 25 with the scope of a registered architect’s professional knowledge and the application of a registered
 26 architect’s professional standard of care **or, as appropriate, is within the scope of a registered**
 27 **commercial interior designer’s professional knowledge.**

28 [(12)] (14) “State building code” has the meaning given that term in ORS 455.010.

29 [(13)] (15) “Technical submission” means a plan, design, drawing, blueprint or other document
 30 that an architect prepares in connection with the practice of architecture, **or that a registered**
 31 **commercial interior designer prepares within the scope of practice designated for a regis-**
 32 **tered commercial interior designer**, and submits to a regulatory authority to comply with the
 33 state building code, a municipal building code or related rules, ordinances, resolutions or other
 34 regulatory requirements.

35 **SECTION 2.** ORS 671.020 is amended to read:

36 671.020. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an individual or business entity
 37 that does not have a valid certificate of registration from the State Board of Architect Examiners
 38 may not:

39 (a) Engage in the practice of architecture within this state;

40 (b) Assume or use a title, form of address or other designation within this state that indicates
 41 or reasonably could be understood to indicate that the individual is an architect or that the indi-
 42 vidual or business entity engages in the practice of architecture; or

43 (c) State, declare, represent or otherwise purport in any title, sign, card, device, advertisement
 44 or other indication of the individual’s or the business entity’s business or occupation that the indi-
 45 vidual is an architect or that the individual or business entity engages in the practice of architec-

1 ture within this state.

2 (2) An individual who does not have the certificate of registration under subsection (1) of this
 3 section may engage in the practice of architecture within this state and use a designation that in-
 4 dicates that the individual is an architect or engages in the practice of architecture if the individual:

5 (a) Is a foreign architect;

6 (b) Has a written agreement of affiliation with a registered architect or registered architectural
 7 firm under which the registered architect or registered architectural firm has responsible control
 8 over all aspects of the architectural services the individual provides; and

9 (c) Uses the designation “foreign architect, in consultation with” followed by the name of a
 10 registered architect and the registered architect’s registered architectural firm, if any, on all tech-
 11 nical submissions, advertisements or other communications that purport to identify the foreign
 12 architect’s profession, occupation or business within this state.

13 (3) Upon receiving a certificate of registration from the board, a registered architect shall ob-
 14 tain a stamp that conforms with a design that the board specifies by rule. The stamp, when accom-
 15 panied by the registered architect’s signature on any technical submission, constitutes the registered
 16 architect’s attestation that the registered architect has responsible control over the content of the
 17 technical submission. The registered architect is responsible for controlling the custody and use of
 18 the stamp.

19 (4) A registered architect may engage in the practice of architecture only under the registered
 20 architect’s own name, as that name appears on the certificate of registration, except that the reg-
 21 istered architect may practice under the name or assumed business name of a registered architec-
 22 tural firm, as provided in ORS 671.041.

23 **(5) Upon receiving a certificate of registration from the board, a registered commercial**
 24 **interior designer shall obtain a stamp that conforms with a design that the board specifies**
 25 **by rule. The stamp, when accompanied by the registered commercial interior designer’s sig-**
 26 **nature on any technical submission, constitutes the registered commercial interior**
 27 **designer’s attestation that the registered commercial interior designer has responsible con-**
 28 **trol over the content of the technical submission. The registered commercial interior de-**
 29 **signer is responsible for controlling the custody and use of the stamp.**

30 **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 671.010 to**
 31 **671.220.**

32 **SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section:**

33 (a) “Engineer” has the meaning given that term in ORS 672.002.

34 (b) “Commercial contractor” has the meaning given that term in ORS 701.005.

35 (c) “Municipality” has the meaning given that term in ORS 455.010.

36 (d) “Specialty code” has the meaning given that term in ORS 455.010.

37 (2) **A registered commercial interior designer may submit to a municipality or other**
 38 **regulatory authority a technical submission for work that falls within the scope of practice**
 39 **for a registered commercial interior designer. The municipality or regulatory authority shall**
 40 **accept the work as within the scope of practice of a registered commercial interior designer**
 41 **and may not require the stamp, signature or other attestation of an architect, engineer or**
 42 **commercial contractor on the technical submission, or as necessary for the issuance of a**
 43 **permit or license, if the technical submission would otherwise require the stamp, signature**
 44 **or other attestation of an architect, engineer or commercial contractor to issue the license**
 45 **or permit. The municipality or other regulatory authority may condition acceptance of a**

1 **technical submission under this subsection on whether the technical submission:**

2 (a) **Bears the stamp and signature of the registered commercial interior designer;**

3 (b) **Is sufficiently clear to indicate the nature and extent of the proposed work, that the**
4 **proposed work falls within the scope of practice for a registered commercial interior designer**
5 **and that the work conforms with the requirements of ORS 671.010 to 671.220, the state**
6 **building code and any other applicable laws and ordinances; and**

7 (c) **Has an identification that consists of:**

8 (A) **The project name and location, including the street address of the project;**

9 (B) **The name, address and phone number of the person that prepared the technical**
10 **submission, including the name, address and phone number of a person who prepared the**
11 **technical submission on behalf of another person;**

12 (C) **The name, address and phone number of the project owner; and**

13 (D) **The date on which the technical submission was completed and delivered.**

14 (3) **Each jurisdiction that requires the issuance of a permit as a condition precedent to**
15 **the construction, alteration, improvement or repair of any building or structure and requires**
16 **as a condition of issuing the permit that the application for the permit include a technical**
17 **submission from a registered commercial interior designer shall also require the signature**
18 **of a registered commercial interior designer and an impression of the stamp described in**
19 **ORS 671.020 (5) on the technical submission from a person authorized to prepare the tech-**
20 **nical submission.**

21 (4) **A registered commercial interior designer's stamp and signature on a technical sub-**
22 **mission constitute compliance with this section.**

23 (5) **A registered commercial interior designer shall retain, for a period of not less than**
24 **10 years following the completion of the project for which the registered commercial interior**
25 **designer submitted technical submissions, records and documentation that demonstrate the**
26 **registered commercial interior designer's responsible control over the preparation of the**
27 **technical submissions.**

28 (6) **A municipality or other regulatory authority may permit a registered commercial**
29 **interior designer to supervise the preparation of plans or designs for work that is not within**
30 **the scope of practice of an architect, an engineer or a commercial contractor.**

31 (7) **A registered commercial interior designer may stamp, sign and submit a technical**
32 **submission under this section if the project for which the registered commercial interior**
33 **designer submitted the technical submission is not within a high hazard group H occupancy**
34 **classification under the specialty code.**

35 **SECTION 5.** ORS 671.030 is amended to read:

36 671.030. (1) ORS 671.010 to 671.220 do not apply to the practice of marine, naval or landscape
37 architecture.

38 (2) ORS 671.010 to 671.220 do not prohibit:

39 (a) **An employee of a registered architect from acting under the registered architect's instruc-**
40 **tion, control or supervision. An employee who is not a registered architect may not use the desig-**
41 **nation "architect," "registered architect" or "foreign architect" or the words "architecture" or**
42 **"architectural" to describe the employee's work unless a rule of the State Board of Architect Ex-**
43 **aminers provides otherwise.**

44 (b) **A person that is not an architect from preparing technical submissions or providing con-**
45 **struction phase services related to erecting, enlarging or altering a building or an appurtenance to**

1 a building if the building or the appurtenance:

2 (A) Is a single family residential dwelling or farm building;

3 (B) Is a structure used in connection with or auxiliary to a single family residential dwelling
4 or farm building, including but not limited to a three-car garage, barn or shed or a shelter used for
5 the housing of domestic animals or livestock; or

6 (C) Has a ground area of 4,000 square feet or less and is not more than 20 feet in height from
7 the top surface of lowest flooring to the highest interior overhead finish.

8 (c) A person from planning, designing, specifying or observing the alterations or repairs to a
9 building if:

10 (A) The structural part of the building, including but not limited to the foundation walls, floors,
11 roof, footings, bearing partitions, beams, columns and joists, is not involved;

12 (B) The building code classification by use or occupancy of the building is not changed; and

13 (C) The building code classification by type of construction of the building is not changed.

14 (d) A contractor from directing the work of erecting, enlarging or altering a building, or an
15 appurtenance to a building, under the observation of a registered architect.

16 (e) A person practicing marine, naval or landscape architecture from purporting to be a marine,
17 naval or landscape architect if the work is confined and limited to those classifications.

18 (f) A construction contractor licensed under ORS chapter 701 from offering services constituting
19 the practice of architecture if:

20 (A) The construction contractor's offer discloses in writing that the construction contractor is
21 not an architect and identifies the registered architect or registered architectural firm that will
22 provide the architectural services;

23 (B) The services are ancillary to construction services the construction contractor will provide;
24 and

25 (C) A registered architect or registered architectural firm provides the services constituting the
26 practice of architecture.

27 **(g) A person who is not a registered commercial interior designer from engaging in the**
28 **practice of commercial interior design.**

29 **SECTION 6.** ORS 671.050 is amended to read:

30 671.050. (1) Any individual desiring the right to engage in the practice of architecture in this
31 state **or to register as a registered commercial interior designer in this state** shall apply to
32 the State Board of Architect Examiners for a certificate of registration. To obtain a certificate of
33 registration, the individual must:

34 (a) Complete an application with documentation that, in the board's judgment, shows that the
35 applicant successfully completed an education program, an experience program and an examination
36 that meet standards the board specifies by rule; and

37 (b) Pay an application fee in an amount the board specifies by rule.

38 (2) The board by rule shall specify:

39 (a) The manner in which and the procedures under which an individual may apply for a certifi-
40 cate of registration under subsection (1) of this section;

41 (b) The form and content of all application materials;

42 (c) The period during which a registration remains valid, **except that a registration as a**
43 **registered commercial interior designer remains valid for two years after the date on which**
44 **the board issued the certificate of registration;**

45 (d) Fees to apply for registration and to renew registration;

1 (e) Conditions or qualifications under which the board grants or denies registration; and

2 (f) Any other matter related to the registration of an individual that the board deems necessary
3 to specify.

4 (3) If the board determines that the individual is qualified to engage in the practice of archi-
5 tecture in this state **or is qualified to register as a registered commercial interior designer in**
6 **this state**, the board shall issue a certificate of registration to the individual.

7 (4) In specifying standards for an examination **to register an architect** under this section, the
8 board may adopt the examination and the recommended grading procedures of the National Council
9 of Architectural Registration Boards.

10 **SECTION 7.** ORS 671.080 is amended to read:

11 671.080. (1)(a) A registered architect must periodically renew the registration described in ORS
12 671.020 by submitting to the State Board of Architect Examiners, on or before the renewal date the
13 board establishes by rule:

14 (A) An application for renewal;

15 (B) Any fees the board authorizes under ORS 671.085; and

16 (C) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the registered architect has complied with any con-
17 tinuing education requirements the board adopted under ORS 671.125, unless the board waives the
18 continuing education requirements.

19 (b) The board shall renew the registered architect's certificate of registration after the applicant
20 complies with the requirements described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

21 (2) If a registered architect does not renew the certificate of registration on or before the re-
22 newal deadline the board establishes by rule, the certificate of registration expires on the 61st day
23 after the renewal deadline.

24 (3)(a) A person is no longer a registered architect and forfeits the right to engage in the practice
25 of architecture in this state if, for a period of more than 60 days after a renewal deadline, the person
26 fails to pay a renewal fee or any late fee the board imposes or if the person fails to submit evidence
27 satisfactory to the board of the person's compliance with continuing education requirements the
28 board adopts under ORS 671.125, unless the board waives the continuing education requirements.

29 (b) The board may reinstate as a registered architect a person that failed to renew the person's
30 certificate of registration only if the person passes any examination the board requires, the person
31 complies with any continuing education requirements the board adopted under ORS 671.125 and the
32 person pays all outstanding renewal fees, late fees and penalties.

33 (4) The board may grant inactive status to any registered architect who ceases to engage in the
34 practice of architecture and, while in good standing, submits to the board a written request for in-
35 active status. The registered architect may resume practice by passing any examinations the board
36 requires, complying with any continuing education requirements the board adopts under ORS 671.125
37 and paying any required fees and penalties.

38 (5)(a) **A registered commercial interior designer must renew a certificate of registration**
39 **described in ORS 671.020 not later than two years after the date on which the board issued**
40 **the certificate to the registered commercial interior designer. An applicant for renewal must**
41 **submit to the board before the date on which the applicant's registration expires:**

42 (A) **An application for renewal;**

43 (B) **Any fees the board authorizes under ORS 671.085; and**

44 (C) **Evidence satisfactory to the board that the registered commercial interior designer**
45 **is in good standing and has complied with any continuing education requirements the board**

1 adopted under ORS 671.125, unless the board waives the continuing education requirements
 2 or the requirement for good standing.

3 (b) The board shall renew the registered commercial interior designer’s certificate of
 4 registration after the applicant complies with the requirements described in paragraph (a)
 5 of this subsection.

6 (c) If a registered commercial interior designer does not renew the certificate of regis-
 7 tration on or before the renewal deadline, the certificate of registration expires on the 61st
 8 day after the renewal deadline.

9 (d) The board may reinstate as a registered commercial interior designer a person that
 10 failed to renew the person’s certificate of registration only if the person passes any exam-
 11 ination the board requires, the person complies with any continuing education requirements
 12 the board adopted under ORS 671.125 and the person pays all outstanding renewal fees, late
 13 fees and penalties.

14 (e) A person is no longer a registered commercial interior designer if, for a period of
 15 more than 60 days after a renewal deadline, the person fails to pay a renewal fee or any late
 16 fee the board imposes or if the person fails to submit evidence satisfactory to the board of
 17 the person’s compliance with continuing education requirements the board adopts under ORS
 18 671.125, unless the board waives the continuing education requirements.

19 **SECTION 8.** ORS 671.085 is amended to read:

20 671.085. The State Board of Architect Examiners may impose fees that are reasonable and nec-
 21 cessary to aid in the administration of ORS 671.010 to 671.220 and to regulate the practice of archi-
 22 tecture **or the practice of commercial interior design** in this state. The fees may include, but are
 23 not limited to, fees for accepting and processing applications, [and] issuing and renewing certificates
 24 of registration **and bringing actions under ORS 671.220 to enforce ORS 671.010 to 671.220 or to**
 25 **prevent or restrain unauthorized practices.**

26 **SECTION 9.** ORS 671.100 is amended to read:

27 671.100. (1) Any person may submit to the State Board of Architect Examiners a complaint
 28 against a registered architect **or a registered commercial interior designer.** The complaint must
 29 be in writing and be sworn to by the complainant. The board shall review the complaint at the next
 30 regular board meeting following receipt of the complaint.

31 (2) Submitting a complaint under subsection (1) of this section does not give the claimant a
 32 particular priority for resolution of the complaint or restrict or prevent the board from acting on
 33 a complaint other than the complaint submitted under subsection (1) of this section.

34 **SECTION 10.** ORS 671.120 is amended to read:

35 671.120. The State Board of Architect Examiners shall operate as a semi-independent state
 36 agency subject to ORS 182.456 to 182.472 for the purpose of carrying out ORS 671.010 to 671.220.
 37 The board [*shall be composed of seven*] **consists of 11** members appointed by the Governor to four-
 38 year terms with three terms maximum. Before a member’s term expires, the Governor shall appoint
 39 a member with a term that is effective on September 1 of the year in which the previous member’s
 40 term expires. If a vacancy occurs on the board for any cause, the Governor shall appoint a member
 41 for the remainder of the unexpired term. The chair of the board must be elected by the board from
 42 among the current members. The board shall have as members:

43 (1) Five architects who are residents of this state; [and]

44 (2) **Three registered commercial interior designers; and**

45 [(2)] (3) [*Two*] **Three** members of the general public.

SECTION 11. ORS 671.125 is amended to read:

671.125. (1) In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the State Board of Architect Examiners may:

[1] (a) Adopt reasonable rules necessary for the administration of the laws the board is charged with administering; and

[2] (b) Adopt reasonable rules prescribing standards of professional conduct for architects and rules requiring continuing professional education for architects. In adopting rules under this subsection, the board shall consider national standards and practices as a means of facilitating reciprocal registration and licensing of architects among jurisdictions recognized by the board. The board shall also consider local practices.

(2)(a) **The three members of the board who are registered commercial interior designers shall:**

(A) **Specify qualifications for registration as a registered commercial interior designer, which may include specifications of required education, training and experience;**

(B) **Establish and administer or approve an examination to demonstrate competence in technical and ethical standards and professional practices as qualifications for registration as a registered commercial interior designer;**

(C) **Specify subject areas and required hours of continuing education necessary to maintain a registration as a registered commercial interior designer; and**

(D) **Recommend for registration as a registered commercial interior designer, or recommend for a renewal of registration, as appropriate, an individual who demonstrates satisfactory compliance with applicable ethical standards, possesses adequate technical and professional competence, has a reputation for good faith and fair dealing within the profession, has a passing score on the examination described in paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection and meets such other standards as the members of the board who are registered commercial interior designers determine are appropriate to qualify for good standing.**

(b) **The three members of the board who are registered commercial interior designers may establish specialties or practice areas within the field of commercial interior design and specify qualifications for registration within the specialty or practice area.**

(3) **Before adopting as a policy of the board, or as rules under subsection (1)(a) of this section, a qualification, examination, specification, specialty, practice area or recommendation that members of the board who are registered commercial interior designers establish under subsection (2) of this section, the entire board must vote upon and approve the qualification, examination, specification, specialty, practice area or recommendation.**

(4)(a) **The board by rule shall establish, in cases of conflict or uncertainty, boundaries between the respective scopes of practice of an architect and a registered commercial interior designer.**

(b) **The State Board of Architect Examiners, for the purpose of jointly developing boundaries between the scope of practice of a registered commercial interior designer and the scopes of practice of other registered professionals, shall consult and cooperate with the following boards:**

(A) **The State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying, to jointly develop boundaries between the scope of practice of a registered commercial interior designer and the scope of practice of an engineer, professional engineer or registered professional engineer;**

(B) **The State Landscape Architect Board, to jointly develop boundaries between the**

1 **scope of practice of a registered commercial interior designer and the scope of practice of a**
 2 **landscape architect or registered landscape architect; and**

3 **(C) The Construction Contractors Board, to jointly develop boundaries between the scope**
 4 **of practice of a registered commercial interior designer and the scope of practice of a com-**
 5 **mercial contractor.**

6 **(c) The State Board of Architect Examiners by rule shall establish the scope of practice**
 7 **for a registered commercial interior designer based on the board’s consultation with the**
 8 **other boards listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection.**

9 **(d) A person that performs work that is within the scope of practice of a registered**
 10 **commercial interior designer need not register as an architect under ORS 671.010 to 671.220,**
 11 **as an engineer, professional engineer or registered professional engineer under ORS 672.002**
 12 **to 672.325, as a landscape architect under ORS 671.310 to 671.459 or as a commercial con-**
 13 **tractor under ORS chapter 671.**

14 **SECTION 12.** ORS 671.220 is amended to read:

15 671.220. (1) If the State Board of Architect Examiners determines that a person is engaging in
 16 or is about to engage in an activity that violates **a prohibition on engaging in the practice of**
 17 **architecture without obtaining a certificate of registration as an architect or foreign archi-**
 18 **tect under ORS 671.090 or another act related to the practice of architecture that is prohib-**
 19 **ited under** ORS 671.020 or 671.041, the board may bring an action to restrain the activity or
 20 proposed activity. An appropriate circuit court may issue an injunction without proof of actual
 21 damages, but the injunction does not relieve the defendant in the action from the imposition of a
 22 civil penalty for a violation of ORS 671.010 to 671.220.

23 (2) A person may not bring or maintain an action related to the practice of architecture in a
 24 court of this state unless the person alleges and proves that at the time the person engaged in the
 25 practice of architecture, the person was a registered architect or was a foreign architect acting in
 26 compliance with ORS 671.020. An architectural firm may not bring or maintain an action related to
 27 the practice of architecture in a court of this state unless the architectural firm was a registered
 28 architectural firm at the time the architectural firm engaged in the practice of architecture.

29 (3) ORS 671.010 to 671.220 do not prevent a person from representing the person’s membership
 30 in or affiliation with any bona fide professional or trade organization unless the person makes the
 31 representation to advance the person’s unlawful practice of architecture or unlawful attempt to en-
 32 gage in the practice of architecture.

33 **(4)(a) The board may impose a civil penalty in accordance with ORS 183.745 against a**
 34 **person that falsely uses the title of registered commercial interior designer or that repres-**
 35 **ents falsely that the person is a registered commercial interior designer. The amount of a**
 36 **civil penalty under this paragraph may not exceed:**

37 **(A) \$1,000 for a first offense.**

38 **(B) \$2,000 for a second or subsequent offense.**

39 **(C) \$2,000 per day for each day of a continuing offense after a third or subsequent of-**
 40 **fense.**

41 **(b) The board may bring an action in a circuit court of this state to restrain a person’s**
 42 **false use of the title of registered commercial interior designer. The court may issue an in-**
 43 **junction without proof of actual damages, but the injunction does not relieve the defendant**
 44 **in the action from the imposition of a civil penalty under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

45 **SECTION 13.** Section 14 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 671.010 to

1 **671.220.**

2 **SECTION 14. Notwithstanding the requirement under ORS 671.120 (2) that members of**
3 **the State Board of Architect Examiners must be registered commercial interior designers,**
4 **the Governor, in choosing the first members of the board to fill the positions reserved for**
5 **registered commercial interior designers, need not appoint registered commercial interior**
6 **designers, but may consider for appointment:**

7 (1) **Residents of this state who hold or, within the previous five years, held a registration**
8 **from another state as a commercial interior designer, or the equivalent in the other state;**
9 **or**

10 (2) **Residents of this state whom a professional association or trade association for com-**
11 **mercial interior designers recommend as having the necessary education, training, experi-**
12 **ence and probity to serve as impartial members and carry out the functions, duties and**
13 **responsibilities conferred on members of the board.**

14 **SECTION 15. (1) Sections 4 and 14 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 671.010,**
15 **671.020, 671.030, 671.050, 671.080, 671.085, 671.100, 671.120, 671.125 and 671.220 by sections 1, 2**
16 **and 5 to 12 of this 2025 Act become operative on July 1, 2026.**

17 (2) **The State Board of Architect Examiners, the State Board of Examiners for Engi-**
18 **neering and Land Surveying, the State Landscape Architect Board and the Construction**
19 **Contractors Board may adopt rules and take any other action before the operative date**
20 **specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board, on and after**
21 **the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, to undertake and exercise all**
22 **of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by sections 4 and 14 of this 2025**
23 **Act and the amendments to ORS 671.010, 671.020, 671.030, 671.050, 671.080, 671.085, 671.100,**
24 **671.120, 671.125 and 671.220 by sections 1, 2 and 5 to 12 of this 2025 Act.**

25 (3) **The Governor may appoint members to the State Board of Architect Examiners be-**
26 **fore the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section.**

27 **SECTION 16. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
28 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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