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Requested by Representative NOSSE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2141**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “designers” delete the rest of
2 the line and lines 3 and 4 and insert “; and prescribing an effective date.

3 “Whereas the practice of commercial interior design is a professional
4 practice that affects the public health, safety and welfare; and

5 “Whereas the title ‘registered commercial interior designer’ should be a
6 voluntary professional designation; and

7 “Whereas a public interest exists in recognizing qualified professionals
8 and ensuring accountability through title protection; and

9 “Whereas creating a registration for commercial interior designers en-
10 sures that qualified professionals design nonstructural interior spaces in
11 compliance with applicable codes; and

12 “Whereas establishing title protection for registered commercial interior
13 designers by authorizing the use of an official seal, requiring continuing
14 education and designating a state agency to maintain regulatory oversight
15 over the voluntary registration of registered commercial interior designers
16 enhances professional accountability; now, therefore,”.

17 Delete lines 6 through 26 and delete pages 2 through 10 and insert:

18 **“SECTION 1. As used in sections 1 to 6 of this 2025 Act:**

19 **“(1)(a) ‘Commercial interior design’ means:**

20 **“(A) The practice of:**

21 **“(i) Analyzing the use, and planning and designing the potential**

1 use, of nonstructural elements in connection with constructing, re-
2 constructing, renovating or otherwise altering a building or interior
3 space; and

4 “(ii) Overseeing and managing the implementation or installation
5 of nonstructural elements within a building or interior space; and

6 “(B) Engaging in such professional activities as:

7 “(i) Interior space planning, pre-design analysis and conceptual de-
8 sign related to such nonstructural elements of a building or interior
9 space as finish materials, furnishings, fixtures and equipment;

10 “(ii) Preparing, rendering and submitting for approval as part of an
11 application for a building permit designs, plans, drawings, specifica-
12 tions and other technical submissions related to a building or interior
13 space, including for:

14 “(I) Circulation systems or patterns;

15 “(II) Egress requirements and components within an egress system,
16 based on calculated occupancy loads;

17 “(III) Safety measures related to nonstructural elements within a
18 building or interior space, in compliance with applicable building codes
19 and safety regulations; and

20 “(IV) Material selection and application within a building or inte-
21 rior space;

22 “(iii) Preparing, executing and administering contracts;

23 “(iv) Constructing, fabricating or installing, or overseeing and
24 managing the construction, fabrication or installation of, nonstruc-
25 tural elements within a building or interior space; and

26 “(v) Complying with or ensuring compliance with:

27 “(I) Applicable design and construction standards and guidelines;
28 and

29 “(II) Applicable ordinances, rules or other regulations that govern
30 building design, construction and accessibility and protections against

1 fire and other hazards.

2 “(b) ‘Commercial interior design’ does not include:

3 “(A) The practice of architecture, as defined in ORS 671.010, or en-
4 gaging in professional activities that involve:

5 “(i) Designing, planning, specifying or observing construction, re-
6 construction, renovation, repairs or other alterations to structural
7 parts of a building such as foundation walls, floors, the roof, footings,
8 bearing partitions, beams, columns or joists; or

9 “(ii) Changing a building code classification by use, occupancy or
10 type of construction; or

11 “(B) Modifying or adding to:

12 “(i) The structural system of a building, including the building’s
13 dead load on the structural system;

14 “(ii) The building envelope, including:

15 “(I) Exterior walls and exterior wall claddings and openings;

16 “(II) Exterior windows and doors, balconies and similar projections;

17 “(III) Roof assemblies and rooftop structures; or

18 “(IV) Glass and glazing for exterior use in both vertical and sloped
19 applications;

20 “(iii) Mechanical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning or ventilation
21 systems, electrical or low voltage systems, elevators and conveying
22 systems, fire protection systems or fire alarm systems;

23 “(iv) Exit stairs or the exit discharge portion of an egress system;
24 or

25 “(v) Other construction that materially affects life safety systems,
26 fire safety and fire protection systems that protect structural elements
27 of a building, smoke evacuation or compartmentalization or vertical
28 shafts related to fire protection in multi-story structures.

29 “(2) ‘Eligible’ means having successfully completed the NCIDQ ex-
30 amination, or a successor examination that a certifying organization

1 administers.

2 “(3) ‘Nonstructural element’ means an element of a building that
3 does not require structural bracing, is not load-bearing, does not con-
4 tribute to the structural integrity of the building and does not offer
5 or provide protection against seismic activity.

6 “(4) ‘Qualifying organization’ means the Council for Interior Design
7 Qualification, or a successor organization.

8 “(5) ‘Registrant’ means a person that registered with the Depart-
9 ment of Consumer and Business Services under section 2 of this 2025
10 Act.

11 “(6) ‘Responsible control’ means a degree of control that entails
12 direct personal supervision and detailed knowledge of a technical sub-
13 mission that is consistent with the scope of a registrant’s professional
14 knowledge and the application of a registrant’s professional standard
15 of care.

16 “(7) ‘Technical submission’ means a plan, drawing, blueprint, model
17 or digital model, specification, criteria for performance, installation
18 requirement or other document that a registrant prepares in con-
19 nection with the practice of commercial interior design and submits
20 to a regulatory authority to comply with the state building code, a
21 municipal building code or related rules, ordinances, resolutions or
22 other regulatory requirements.

23 “SECTION 2. (1) A person may apply to the Department of Con-
24 sumer and Business Services to become a registered commercial inte-
25 rior designer on a form and in a format that the department specifies
26 by rule. The department shall evaluate the application and may issue
27 a certificate of registration to an applicant that is eligible and:

28 “(a) Has a degree from an educational program in commercial in-
29 terior design that the department approves for the purpose of regis-
30 tration;

1 “(b) Has experience under the supervision of a registered commer-
2 cial interior designer that the department deems sufficient for regis-
3 tration; and

4 “(c) Pays an application fee in an amount the department specifies
5 by rule.

6 “(2) The department may issue a certificate of registration to a
7 person whom a qualifying organization has determined is eligible or
8 to whom another state or jurisdiction has issued a license or certifi-
9 cate to engage in commercial interior design. The department shall
10 verify the applicant’s eligibility, license or certificate and may issue a
11 certificate of registration in this state if the standards for licensing
12 or certification in the other state or jurisdiction are substantially
13 similar to the requirements set forth in subsection (1) of this section
14 and if the applicant pays the fee described in subsection (1)(c) of this
15 section.

16 “(3) A certificate of registration the department issues under this
17 section is valid only during the calendar year in which the department
18 issues the certificate and in the following calendar year. A registrant
19 must apply to renew a certificate of registration before December 31
20 of the second calendar year in which the registrant’s current certifi-
21 cate remains valid. An application for renewal must include:

22 “(a) Evidence of having completed the continuing education the
23 department requires, which at a minimum must include 10 hours of
24 education each year that focuses on the impact of commercial interior
25 design on the health, safety and welfare of occupants of buildings or
26 interior spaces; and

27 “(b) Payment of a renewal fee the department specifies by rule.

28 “(4) A certificate of registration expires 30 days after the date on
29 which a registrant must apply for renewal. The department by rule
30 shall specify requirements for reinstating an expired certificate of

1 registration, which may include reasonable requirements the depart-
2 ment deems necessary to protect the public.

3 “(5)(a) Upon receiving a certificate of registration from the depart-
4 ment, the registrant shall obtain a stamp or electronic seal that con-
5 forms with a design that the department specifies by rule. The design,
6 at a minimum, must include the registrant’s name, the number of the
7 certificate of registration that the registrant holds and the designation
8 ‘Registered Commercial Interior Designer, State of Oregon.’

9 “(b) The stamp or electronic seal described in paragraph (a) of this
10 subsection, when accompanied by a registrant’s signature on a tech-
11 nical submission, constitutes the registrant’s attestation that the
12 registrant has responsible control over the content of the technical
13 submission. The registrant is responsible for controlling the custody
14 and use of the stamp or electronic seal.

15 “(6) The department shall maintain a registry of all persons to
16 whom the department issues a certificate of registration under this
17 section. The registry must be publicly available and accessible by
18 means of the Internet.

19 “SECTION 3. (1) A certificate of registration the Department of
20 Consumer and Business Services issues under section 2 of this section
21 entitles the registrant to authenticate a technical submission and
22 provide the technical submission to an approving authority in con-
23 nection with an application for a building permit. An authenticated
24 technical submission must show the date of submission to the ap-
25 proving authority and must bear a registrant’s signature and the
26 registrant’s stamp or electronic seal.

27 “(2) A registrant may not authenticate a technical submission un-
28 less:

29 “(a) The registrant’s certificate of registration is valid; and

30 “(b) The registrant has responsible control over the technical sub-

mission.

“(3) Technical submissions in connection with a part of an application for a building permit that involves construction, reconstruction, renovation or alteration that is within the scope of practice of commercial interior design do not require the stamp and signature of an architect if a registrant has authenticated the technical submission.

“SECTION 4. (1) A person other than a registrant may not assume or use the title ‘registered commercial interior designer’ or any designation or form of address that indicates or reasonably could be understood to indicate that the person is a registrant.

“(2) A registrant may not:

“(a) Use or attempt to use the stamp or electronic seal of another registrant or otherwise purport to authenticate a technical submission or exercise any power or privilege conferred upon another registrant;

“(b) Attach or affix a stamp or electronic seal to a technical submission or otherwise purport to act as a registrant without a valid certificate of registration or without having responsible control over the technical submission;

“(c) Engage in fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining or using a certificate of registration; or

“(d) Accept compensation for services outside the scope of practice of commercial interior design if the services would reasonably appear to compromise the registrant’s professional judgment in serving the best interests of a client or the public or in the practice of commercial interior design.

“(2) The Department of Consumer and Business Services may punish a violation of this section by:

“(a) Imposing a civil penalty in an amount that does not exceed \$1,000 for each instance of a violation; or

“(b) Revoking or refusing to renew a certificate of registration the

1 department issued under section 2 of this 2025 Act.

2 **“SECTION 5.** Sections 1 to 4 of this 2025 Act do not apply to:

3 **“(1) An architect, as defined in ORS 671.010;**

4 **“(2) A professional engineer that has a valid certificate to practice**
5 **engineering issued under ORS 672.002 to 672.325; or**

6 **“(3) A person that:**

7 **“(a) Provides professional services limited to the design of kitchen**
8 **or bathroom spaces or to specifying products for kitchen or bathroom**
9 **spaces in noncommercial spaces; or**

10 **“(b) Practices residential interior design or interior decoration, ex-**
11 **cept that in the practice of residential interior design or interior dec-**
12 **oration the person may not:**

13 **“(A) Authenticate a technical submission in connection with work**
14 **that is within the scope of commercial interior design;**

15 **“(B) Use a title, designation or form of address that indicates or**
16 **reasonably could be understood to indicate that the person is a regis-**
17 **trant; and**

18 **“(C) Otherwise purport to act or function as a commercial interior**
19 **designer.**

20 **“SECTION 6.** The Department of Consumer and Business Services
21 **shall adopt rules for the purpose of implementing the provisions of**
22 **sections 1 to 5 of this 2025 Act.**

23 **“SECTION 7.** (1) Sections 1 to 6 of this 2025 Act become operative
24 **on July 1, 2026.**

25 **“(2) The Department of Consumer and Business Services may adopt**
26 **rules and take any other action before the operative date specified in**
27 **subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the depart-**
28 **ment, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this**
29 **section, to undertake and exercise all of the duties, functions and**
30 **powers conferred on the department by sections 1 to 6 of this 2025 Act.**

1 **“SECTION 8. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**
2 **date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative**
3 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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