

# Support House Bill 2141

## Commercial Interior Design

**Problem:** Interior design is currently the only profession in the built environment in Oregon that is not tested, regulated, or formally recognized by the state.

**Solution:** A **voluntary registry** for Commercial Interior Designers in Oregon, providing a **legal definition** of practice and enabling **stamp and seal privileges for permitting**.

### What HB 2141 Does

- **Protect the Public**  
– Ensures only qualified professionals design non-structural interior spaces to code.
- **Recognizes the Profession**  
– Establishes title protection for Registered Commercial Interior Designers.
- **Increases Accountability**  
– Requires continuing education and authorizes use of an official seal.
- **Maintains Oversight**  
– A state agency manages the voluntary registry and ensures compliance.

### Who is Affected

Commercial Interior Designers are trained to design interior spaces that directly impact the **health, safety, and welfare of the public**.

A **Registered Commercial Interior Designer** has:

- Accredited Education
- Supervised Experience
- Passed a rigorous Exam

### Why HB 2141 Matters

#### Opportunity

**Resolves legal ambiguity** by formally recognizing Commercial Interior Designers. Currently, code officials interpret permitting authority inconsistently—HB 2141 ensures their technical expertise is clearly defined and accepted statewide.

#### Economic

**Expands opportunities** for small businesses, solo practitioners, supports women in business. It also allows Commercial Interior Designers to competitively bid on projects requiring a registered design professional.

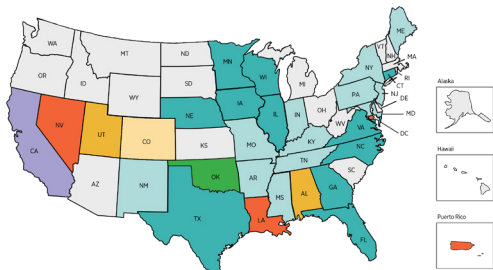
#### Accountability

**Ensures consumer protection** by aligning legal recognition with expertise. Commercial Interior Designers are trained in building codes, fire and life safety, and accessibility (ADA and meet state and nationally recognized standards of practice.

### Where are the Impacts

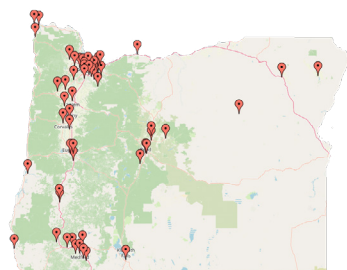
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States + Washington D.C. + Puerto Rico have **already passed Interior Design legislation**



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Oregon Interior Designers are certified by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification



### Commercial Interior Designers Provide

- Code Compliance & Life Safety
- Construction Documentation
- Space Planning & Programming
- Accessibility (ADA)
- Material Selection
- Furniture & Equip. Specification
- Wayfinding & Signage Design
- Thermal, Lighting, Acoustics