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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

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Dear Chairman Sosa and distinguished members of the House Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) thanks the Committee for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill 2141 (HB 2141). In acknowledging the legislative imperative to ensure the public is protected, we would like to offer some considerations specifically regarding the expansion of commercial interior design regulations in Oregon.

As an organization, NCARB supports the 55 U.S. licensing boards that regulate architecture by administering a national architectural exam and experience program, while promoting uniform standards and model laws. In collaboration with each state or jurisdictional licensing board, NCARB's mission is to provide prospective architects with a progressive licensing process and licensees with a streamlined mobility model, while ensuring appropriate and defensible rigor is met to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NCARB supports ensuring that the regulatory framework of the Oregon State Board of Architects is developed in the best interest of protecting the public in Oregon. We have long supported several state licensing boards that regulate multiple professions, like architecture and interior design, simultaneously. Effective professional regulation includes important statutory provisions such as a clearly defined scope of practice which does not conflict with existing practice definitions, narrowly tailored exemptions, rigorous qualification requirements, and continuing education requirements for registration renewal. The statutory framework, as currently proposed in HB 2141, should be clear and unambiguous to avoid confusion and any future unintended consequences.

While we recognize the value and importance of the regulation of interior design, we highly encourage the Committee to further discuss the proposed interior design language with all interested stakeholders to ensure it establishes the goal of reasonable regulations that protect the public.

We are thankful for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [mbrown@ncarb.org](mailto:mbrown@ncarb.org).

Thank you.

Best regards,

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