

Good afternoon Chair Sosa, Vice Chairs, and members of the committee. My name is Peter Harrison, and I serve as **President of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Oregon Chapter**, representing over 250 Commercial Interior Design professionals across the state. I'm here today with one clear message: **it's time to recognize our profession.**

I'm proud to be in Salem today alongside 30 people from all over Oregon advocating for this bill, HB 2141. Additionally, 356 Oregonians and supporters have signed our petition urging its passage.

The amended version of HB 2141 is the result of robust and collaborative discussions with our partners in design, Architects and the AIA Oregon Chapter. I'm grateful for their input and proud to be here for a bill that all stakeholders can support.

With a Bachelor's degree in Interior Design, I've been practicing for over seven years. I've worked on a wide range of projects, but as an Oregonian, **I'm especially proud to have worked for nearly four years on the new Portland International Airport.** My work included space planning and technical documentation—ensuring code-compliant, ADA-accessible, and inclusive restrooms for passengers and employees. I also led the research and specification of over 200 interior materials that are (slip resistant, non-toxic, and fire-safe, among other codes). These material selections directly support the well-being of the 40,000+ people who pass through PDX each day.

This is the kind of work Commercial Interior Designers do.

We don't want to be architects.

We simply want to be recognized and responsible for the health, safety, and welfare impact on the public.

Beyond that, this bill is a fiscally wise economic investment in Oregon's future. It expands opportunities for small businesses, empowers solo practitioners, and supports women in business—a field where 83% of interior designers are women. It also encourages design students to stay in Oregon and contribute to our local economy after graduation.

Most importantly, this bill moves Oregon forward. In just the past two years, five states have passed legislation on this issue, joining a total of **30, a majority of states recognize Interior Design.**

Now it's time for Oregon to do the same. I respectfully urge each member of this committee to support HB 2141. Thank you for your time.

On behalf of the IIDA Oregon Board of Directors & 250+ Statewide Members

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