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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2141

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I urge you to pass House Bill 2141-1, the Registered Commercial Interior Design Title Act, which would officially recognize, protect, and enhance the role of Commercial Interior Designers in Oregon. As a vital component of the design and construction industries, Commercial Interior Designers are uniquely positioned to influence the safety, functionality, and aesthetic appeal of the spaces where people work, learn, heal, and live. This bill would not only affirm the importance of their contributions but also establish a formal framework to protect public health, safety, and welfare in built environments.

The work of Commercial Interior Designers is deeply intertwined with the safety and usability of commercial spaces. These professionals possess specialized knowledge in materials, space planning, lighting, and accessibility standards, all of which directly affect the health and well-being of those who occupy these environments. By establishing a registered title for Commercial Interior Designers, Oregon would ensure that these professionals meet rigorous standards, including education, experience, and ongoing professional development, which ultimately benefits the public by creating spaces that are not only beautiful but also safe and accessible.

Moreover, this bill would provide Oregon's Commercial Interior Designers with recognition and protection, enhancing their ability to practice with greater authority and accountability. With the evolving complexity of building codes, safety regulations, and sustainability requirements, it is essential that those responsible for designing commercial interiors are held to the highest standards. Recognizing Commercial Interior Designers through HB 2141-1 will bring Oregon in line with other progressive states that already have established frameworks for interior design professionals. It will also foster the growth of a highly skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of today's rapidly evolving built environment.

By passing House Bill 2141-1, you would empower the Commercial Interior Design profession in Oregon, ensuring the continued improvement of public safety and the quality of commercial spaces across our state. I strongly encourage you to support this critical legislation for the betterment of our communities, our economy, and our built environment.

Sincerely, Bryce Baker