

MEMO

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TO: House Committee on commerce and consumer protection

DATE: March 26, 2025

Hello,

My name is Eliza Balen and I am a Commercial Interior Designer in Portland OR at GBD Architects.

I have been practicing Commercial Interior Design for ten years and passed my NQIDQ exam in 2017. I have been fortunate to work on numerous commercial tenant improvements projects in a variety of sectors including legal, real estate, tech, and other professional service entities. This work is important and I do not want to see legal ambiguity get in the way of my career. HB2141 addresses some of this ambiguity and provides empowering, important, and impactful legal representation of my profession.

After robust discussions with our collaborative partners in Architecture (AIA Oregon), we have a bill that we can be proud of and that I hope you will support. The focus of HB 2141 is to create a **voluntary** registry for Commercial Interior Designers who meet **certain criteria** and work on **specific types** of projects.

I, the undersigned, urge the Oregon State Legislature to pass House Bill 2141-1, establishing the Registered Commercial Interior Design Title Act to recognize, protect, and enhance the role of Commercial Interior Designers in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eliza Balen, Sr. Associate

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