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I am an Architect and I support HB 2141. The impact of Interior design is what you feel when you walk into a space, how you interact with the space, and it can foster lasting core memories. Interior Designers are often undervalued in the workplace of architecture because sadly, there is a stigma that Interior design is just picking out nice colors and finishes. However, the process for interior designers is very similar to an Architect's, yet they are not legally recognized for the work they do. They serve a critical role in designing safe, accessible, and code-compliant spaces, while also making them beautiful and thoughtful spaces for those that inhabit it.

HB 2141 would allow Interior Designers to expand their practice and business development, giving them legal clarity in the profession. It will also create economic opportunities for women since the field is majority female, for small business owners, and for independent practitioners. HB 2141 does not change the Architect's responsibility; it only validates what Commercial Interior Designers are already doing in our profession!