

Good afternoon, Chair Sosa, Vice Chairs, and members of the committee.

My name is Lindsey Carpenter. I have been a professional, **commercial** Interior Designer for 19 years. I am here to support the **Oregon measure HB 2141 “Registered Commercial Interior Design Title Act”** and strongly urge you to consider passing this house bill as well.

Myself, along with a team of 22 interior designers in our firm, have worked vigilantly to receive formal education with bachelors degrees, and many of us have worked to received our NCIDQ licensing, which is not currently recognized by the State of Oregon. There are a **total of 30 states** that currently recognize interior design as a profession. It is time for Oregon, as a progressive and supportive state, to do the same.

We practice interior design on projects that include fire, life, safety of buildings and affect the people within those buildings. This title act will allow our professional to be recognized by the State and **ensures public safety** and protections are upheld at the highest standards for our industry. Our firm consist of architects and engineers, and we have been around for 63 years. We are not looking to replace any of those professionals but work alongside with them as a partnership.

By supporting this title act, you are supporting the **growth of our industry** and minority owned small business. We want to encourage students to stay within the Oregon schools practicing interior design and continue to reside and work in Oregon to **contribute to the growth of our economy**.

Please consider supporting HB 2141.

Thank you for your time and support on this matter.

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