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RE: Support for HB 2141-1 – Clarifying Interior Design Practice in Oregon

On behalf of Ankrom Moisan Associated Architects, we are writing to express our strong support for HB 2141-1, which seeks to clarify the legal scope of interior design practice in Oregon. As one of the region's leading architecture and interior design firms, we believe this legislation is a critical step in strengthening the design profession and better serving the public.

HB 2141-1 addresses longstanding ambiguity around what commercial interior designers are permitted to do under Oregon law—clarity that is long overdue. Our interior designers collaborate closely with architects, engineers, and clients on projects that affect health, safety, and accessibility outcomes in the built environment. Yet, despite their education, experience, and national certification, they often face limitations that are out of sync with both their qualifications and the public need. We support this bill's approach to defining commercial interior design without requiring licensure, while still protecting the public through clear pathways for code-compliant work and accountability. The amendment appropriately excludes OSBAE jurisdiction, recognizes NCIDQ certification as the industry standard, and supports the cross-disciplinary collaboration that defines modern design practice.

As a firm that prides itself on delivering holistic, integrated solutions, we value the full contribution of our interior design teams. HB 2141-1 recognizes those contributions and aligns Oregon with neighboring states that already support interior designers through similar legislation. Most importantly, it opens doors for a more inclusive and equitable profession—supporting the career growth of emerging designers, many of whom come from underrepresented backgrounds.

We urge you to support HB 2141-1 and move it forward this session. It is a smart, pragmatic update to outdated language that will strengthen Oregon's design ecosystem and ensure we remain competitive, creative, and responsive to the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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