

Submitter: Katherine Holly
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2141

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.

Why This Matters

Oregon lacks legal recognition for Commercial Interior Designers, despite our critical role in designing safe, accessible, and code-compliant spaces.

HB 2141 will:

- Recognize the profession
- Ensure public safety & consumer protection
- Expand economic opportunities for women, small business owners, and independent practitioners

HB 2141 does NOT:

- Change or limit the work of architects, engineers, or residential designers
- Expand scope or require mandatory registration
- Allow structural, seismic, or exterior work

As a NCIDQ Certified Interior Designer who is in the process of starting their own business this bill has a significant impact on the future of my work. The ability to gain stamp and seal privileges for interior non-structural projects will open up more opportunities for me. This bill will also grant greater access to state contracts and commercial projects, contributing to a more competitive and dynamic marketplace. By creating a legal definition of the profession this will lead to a clearer understanding for the general public to hire qualified professionals in order to maintain the health, safety and welfare for all in the built environment.

Sincerely,
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