

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	4 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Baertschiger Jr, Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Shields
Nays:	George
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Channa Newell, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Work Group on Commercial Interior Design Registration. Specifies membership. Charges Work Group with investigating and making recommendations on the development of licensing or registration standards for those practicing commercial interior design. Requires Work Group to issue report to interim committee related to small business no later than February 1, 2015. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Health, safety, and welfare of public
- Profession of commercial interior design
- Differences between practice of architecture and practice of commercial interior design
- Effects of amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Commercial interior designers work in non-residential spaces of up to 4,000 square feet. Designers may provide plans, analyze building codes, administer contracts, and develop design concepts. Currently, Oregon law does not require commercial or residential interior design professionals to hold professional licensure or register with a regulatory Board.

Senate Bill 1521-A creates a Work Group to study and make recommendations on the development of licensing or registration standards for those practicing commercial interior design.