

HB 2153 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon) to establish a voluntary registry for commercial interior designers. Requires Business Oregon to adopt rules establishing minimum education and experience required for person to be included on the registry. Allows commercial interior designers included on the registry to create and supervise the carrying out of plans, drawings, and specifications for a building so long as the plans, drawings, and specifications do not include structural systems or the building's envelope.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish a voluntary certification program for commercial interior designers. Provides standards for certification relating to experience, education, and successful completion of specified nationally accredited examinations. Allows a certified commercial interior designer to submit plans, drawings, designs and specifications to municipal building inspection programs within specified limits. Prohibits municipal building departments from refusing to accept or impose additional conditions on plans, drawings, designs, and specifications submitted by a certified commercial interior designer.

BACKGROUND:

Currently there is no state-created registry for commercial interior designers. House Bill 2153 would require Business Oregon to create a voluntary registry for commercial interior designers. House Bill 2153 would also allow registered commercial interior designers to create and supervise specified building plans and drawings so long as those plans and drawings do not deal with structural systems or the building's envelope. House Bill 2153 defines the building envelop as the assemblies, components and materials of a building that are intended to separate and protect the interior space of a building from the adverse effect of exterior climatic conditions.