



February 7, 2017

TO: House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

Chair, Representative Ann Lininger

Vice-Chair, Representative Pam Marsh

Vice-Chair, Representative David Brock Smith

CC: Members of the House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

Representative Brian Clem

Representative David Gomberg

Representative Ken Helm

Representative Andy Olson

Representative Bill Post

Representative E. Werner Reschke

FROM:

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RE: HB 2153 Letter of Support

Dear Representatives Ann Lininger, Pam Marsh, and David Brock Smith;

Hello,

My name is Paige. Thank you for your time. I have been practicing interior design for 26 years and I am still currently hiring architects to review and stamp my plans. I have a 5 year degree, a Bachelor of Interior Architecture from the University of Oregon, and I would like to be able to practice as a professional interior designer in the State of Oregon.

Architects are good at designing structures. As a professional interior designer, I am responsible for space planning the interior built environment to have proper ADA compliance, safe egress for fire and safe lighting for emergencies. I also specify textiles and surfaces that have safe flame spread ratings, colors elderly people can see and are code compliant. This is a little of what we do.

I don't want to keep you by sharing all the details of our profession. Currently in the State of Oregon, anyone who has a desire and a client, even the people reading this letter, are just as free to make these fire life safety decisions for our commercial build environments as me. I think the health, safety and welfare of our community is important and therefore interior design is worth being a profession. Please consider recognizing interior design as a profession in the State of Oregon.