

HB 2153 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Economic Development and Trade**

Action Date: 04/05/17**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 6-3-0-0**Yeas:** 6 - Clem, Gomberg, Helm, Lininger, Marsh, Smith DB**Nays:** 3 - Lewis, Post, Reschke**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Adam Crawford, LPRO Analyst

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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 a specified nationally accredited examination. Specifies qualified activities of a certified commercial interior designer regarding the submittal of plans, drawings, designs, and specifications and supervision of the preparation of those documents.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Education and examination requirements for commercial interior designers
- Description of commercial interior designer occupation
- Current Oregon building inspector practices
- Workgroup process leading to the amended bill

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Commercial interior designers perform work to achieve creative and technical solutions within a structure to create a specified-built interior environment. Their designs must conform to building code and regulatory requirements. These designs can include non-structural or non-seismic elements like ceiling or partition systems, spatial occupancy layouts, ergonomic layouts, and interior environments that impact the health and safety of the building's occupants. As a result of the work they do, commercial interior designers typically work closely with architects and engineers. Currently there is no state-created registry for commercial interior designers.

House Bill 2153 A would require the Department of Business and Consumer Services to create a voluntary certification program for commercial interior designers. House Bill 2153 A would also clarify a certified commercial interior designer's ability to submit specified plans, drawings, designs and specifications to city and county building officials.