

April 18, 2023

Representative Paul Holvey, Chair & Members of the House Committee on Business & Labor

Re: SB224 – Architect Practice Act Update

To the Esteemed Chair and all Committee Members,

The American Institute of Architects, Oregon Chapter, endorses passage of this bill. We are a professional membership organization of over 1400 members, dedicated to advancing practice to be of ever-increasing value to society. We focus on advocacy for a better built environment and equitable opportunities for access to the profession.

We are in support of the currently submitted SB224 that will, in our opinion, continue to help refine definitions and modernize statute so that it more accurately reflects how firms operate now and will in the future in Oregon. We have worked closely with the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners (OSBAE) on the edits and believe that, as presented, the bill should be of great benefit to the practice and to the protection of public health safety and welfare over time.

We hope that you will reach out to us with any questions - we are happy to be a resource.

Submitted respectfully,

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