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House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2141-1 – The Registered Commercial Interior Design Title Act

I, the undersigned, urge the Oregon State Legislature to pass House Bill 2141-1, establishing the *Registered Commercial Interior Design Title Act* to recognize, protect, and enhance the role of Commercial Interior Designers in Oregon. Currently, our state lacks any formal recognition of Interior Designers, preventing even NCIDQ-certified professionals from being classified as “registered design professionals.” This limits our ability to competitively bid on projects or submit permit drawings, despite ORS 671.030 allowing for non-structural interior work. The result is a regulatory gray area that disadvantages qualified professionals and restricts economic opportunity.

HB 2141-1 establishes a **voluntary** registry for Interior Designers who meet national standards, ensuring consumer protection, supporting public safety, and expanding access for small businesses and independent practitioners. This amended version reflects collaboration with AIA Oregon, whose stance is currently neutral and trending positive. With 30 states already having similar legislation—and with Washington and Idaho pursuing it now—Oregon has the chance to modernize and support a vital, under-recognized profession.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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