

March 26, 2025

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection Oregon State Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Committee,

I, Rachel Chaney, 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.

I believe this is very important due to the nature of influence Commercial Interior Designers have on our workforce. Their work directly impacts the workplaces where the majority of people conduct business. The design and build-out of theses spaces is intended to last for decades.

In my professional role at JLL I advise clients on who to hire to design their workspaces. Having a trained, credited professional in the role of Commercial Interior Designer is critical to ensuring my clients spaces are designed for longevity, safety and employee wellbeing. In the past, I've had clients hire designers with no professional training in commercial spaces. These projects were difficult to manage and did not result in a satisfactory outcome for the client. Specifically, having untrained folks design commercial projects puts all the burden on the city and state to verify the space meets code compliance. In my experience, these projects were challenging to permit, due to the lack of knowledge these designers had of building codes. It is simply not safe.

I hope you will take this letter into consideration when making a final decision. If additional insight or information is needed from me, my contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Rachel Chaney Sr. Project Manager