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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2141

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.

I have been practicing in code-impacted environments for 18 years and hold a certificate from the Council for Interior Design Qualification that validates an interior designer's knowledge and proficiency in the field, serving as a recognized indicator of competency. I am responsible for ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of occupants for projects spanning from public works campuses to community health centers to schools in Oregon, often training and managing architectural team members toward the same goal.

In 2021, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) released a joint report comparing the skills, knowledge, and tasks required for Architecture and Interior Design. The goal was to improve collaboration and regulation by clarifying public confusion about each profession's roles. I encourage you to review this report to better understand the similarities and differences in our training, which substantiate our qualifications for the scope of work we are seeking to practice as registered design professionals.

<https://www.ncarb.org/press/ncarb-and-cidq-release-joint-report-architecture-and-interior-design>
https://www.ncarb.org/sites/default/files/NCARB-CIDQ_Report.pdf

Passing this bill would create more opportunities for myself and my peers to practice to the full extent of our qualifications—whether as sole practitioners, shareholders who can take on responsibility, or more recognized and respected team members.

Thank you for your time and consideration.