

Testimony in Support of HB 2141
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Members of the Committee:

My name is Rachel Mulcahy, and I am a commercial interior designer with many years of experience in the field. I'm currently pursuing my NCIDQ certification, which requires rigorous education, experience, and examination. I'm proud to be working toward this credential, and I strongly support HB 2141 because it will finally give professionals like myself the recognition, clarity, and respect we deserve.

This bill would allow Oregon to establish a voluntary registration system for commercial interior designers, enabling qualified individuals to stamp and submit technical drawings within their scope of work. This is something many of us already do in practice—HB 2141 simply formalizes it and gives regulatory authorities confidence in the legitimacy of our expertise.

Just as importantly, it would elevate our profession—something long overdue. Designers like myself bring vital knowledge about accessibility, building codes, human behavior, and safety. We're not just picking paint colors—we're shaping the public spaces people rely on every day.

In my own work, I helped upgrade 40 public schools across Portland to be ADA compliant, ensuring that students, staff, and visitors of all abilities could access and navigate these buildings safely. This kind of work is exactly what HB 2141 would support and encourage.

HB 2141 also creates a pathway for others to pursue more education and certifications like the NCIDQ. When the state recognizes our work, it inspires the next generation to take the profession seriously and reach for higher standards.

I urge your support for HB 2141 so we can continue building better, safer spaces for Oregon communities—with the recognition and responsibility that comes with it.

Thank you,
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