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As a Commercial Interior Design practitioner with over 21 years of experience, I strongly believe that Oregon should align with the 30+ other states that professionally and legally recognize this our highly technical and niche profession, due to our critical role in designing safe, accessible, and code-compliant interior environments.

Passing HB 2141 will:

Recognize the Profession

- Establish a clear legal title for qualified designers.
- Align Oregon with 30+ other states that have already passed similar laws.

Ensure Public Safety & Consumer Protection

- Require education, experience, and examination (NCIDQ Certification) to qualify for the title.
- The bill upholds rigorous code compliance standards, which qualified commercial interior designers are tested on and have proven knowledge of, ensuring commercial interior designers meet the same requirements as other professionals qualified to submit plans.

Expand Economic Opportunities

- Enable Registered Commercial Interior Designers to stamp and seal technical submissions for non-structural interior projects.
- Empowers small businesses by allowing commercial interior designers to work independently within their scope.