

# bainbridge.

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## Bainbridge supports House Bill 2141-1

Bainbridge has over 40 years of experience providing commercial interior design services across the state of Oregon. Our work encompasses a variety of market sectors ranging from government, corporate, affordable housing, healthcare, and financial. Commercial interior design is the sole focus of our business.

In conjunction with our design focus, we specialize in creating safe, accessible and code compliant environments utilizing universal design and trauma informed design principles when necessary. We have an intimate knowledge of all aspects of a building's interior – construction, lighting, acoustics, materials, and furniture, and utilize this to provide technical solutions for end users.

House Bill 2141-1 provides an answer to the ambiguity and misunderstanding around our profession. The ability to permit our own work in Oregon varies across individual jurisdictions due to the lack of legal definition about our field of expertise in Commercial Interior Design. We are one of very few Commercial Interior Design firms. Most designers in our profession work at larger architectural firms to ensure their work is recognized and can be permitted. Even though our projects comply with all requirements under exempt work, the lack of legal recognition as "Registered Design Professionals" means that we are regularly questioned on our abilities and often ask our clients to spend more resources on an architectural stamp when it is not legally required.

The Bainbridge team, with an office in the heart of downtown Portland, Oregon is comprised of five talented professionals. Our business is a S-Corporation, 100% women-owned and COBID certified WBE #231.

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.

Thank you,

Marisa O'Gorman



Principal | Design Director