



February 3, 2025

Dear Committee Chair and Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on our current position related to SB54. AIA Alaska worked with Senator Claman and NCIDQ interior designers to address our primary concerns that were part of previously proposed interior design legislation. We appreciate SB54 Sponsor's willingness to compromise by offering a Title Act rather than the Practice Act bills that were proposed in previous sessions. **Establishing a Title Act is the essential condition for AIA Alaska to remove opposition and remain neutral to interior design regulation. AIA Alaska does not support interior design registration through a Practice Act.**

Senator Claman introduced SB 54 this session as a Title Act, with language to allow permitting privileges for interior designers through the use of a stamp (seal). AIA Alaska appreciates the clarity provided by Legislative Counsel, Conran Gunther in his January 15, 2025 memo that accompanied the draft bill. He stated, "A title act does not require a license to practice an occupation, rather it establishes an optional license that allows a person to use a protected title when practicing that occupation." He further stated, "[This bill draft] does not prohibit the practice of interior design by a person who does not use the title 'registered interior designer.'" This is articulated in Sec. 13 of the bill.

We understand that changes to bills often occur during the legislative process, and we will participate in hearings and meetings to ensure that SB54 remains a Title Act bill. If any revisions occur to this bill that change the intent of the bill from being a Title Act with permitting privileges, AIA Alaska will reevaluate our position.

Again, thank you for ongoing attention to this matter and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Cederberg".

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