

May 6, 2026

Senate Finance Committee

Senator Donald Olson

Dear Senator Olson,

I am writing to express my support for **HB 314**.

My name is Larry Cash. I have practiced Architecture in Alaska since I moved to Alaska in 1977. I founded the Alaska firm, RIM Architects, in 1986. RIM grew from a sole proprietorship in Anchorage to a firm practicing internationally with multiple locations.

My career as an Architect grew from my passion for design, the practice of Architecture, and for advancing the design professions in Alaska and beyond.

Drawing from these years of practicing Architecture, I believe that the public at large and the design professions in Alaska will benefit from HB 314, allowing professional Interior Designers to become Registered Professionals and retaining the AELS Board.

I have been a member of the AIA continuously since moving to Alaska in 1977. I was distinguished by the AIA nationally in 2016 when I was elevated to Fellow, FAIA. Along with me, many Alaska members of the AIA support passage of this legislation.

Please pass HB 314: Extend the AELS Board and allow registration for Interior Designers.

Sincerely,

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