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**From:** Colin Maynard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 12:22 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** SB73 Interior Designer Registration

Senators:

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**Subject:** FW: Support SB 73

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**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 2:44 PM  
**To:** Ken Alper <Ken.Alper@akleg.gov>  
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**From:** Larry S. Cash <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 2:18 PM  
**To:** Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support SB 73

**Senator Donny Olson, Co-Chair**  
**Senate Finance Committee**

**Dear Senator Olson,**

As an Architect, Registered and practicing in Alaska for 46 years, **I strongly recommend passing SB 73.** I have supported this initiative for several years now and I ask Senate Finance to pass this legislation. There are many reasons that I support this legislation. Of significance for your consideration are:

1. **As an architect, I want buildings in Alaska to be as safe as possible. SB 73 supports this goal.**
2. The Department of Defense (DOD) and the Core of Engineers (COE) now require that Interior Designers who provide services on their projects in Alaska be Registered Interior Designers. Given the increasing number of significant Military projects in Alaska, if this professional registration is not available to Alaska citizens, this work will necessarily have to be contracted to designers who are registered outside of Alaska.
3. Currently, Alaska Architects hire Interior Designers who are not registered and do not stamp the documents they prepare. Architects then stamp these documents and assume all the professional liability, accordingly, adding an unnecessary layer of review and fees to the project.
4. Credentialed Alaska Interior Designers provide services that affect Public Health, Safety and Welfare. They want the option to become Registered Professionals, required to stamp, sign, certify and be legally accountable for their work. This removes the additional, unnecessary layer of review, certification, and fees by architects. I emphatically agree. SB 73 accomplishes this, enhancing the safety of buildings in Alaska.

In conclusion, I want to thank you and the Committee for favorably considering this Legislation.  
Sincerely,

Larry S. Cash, FAIA

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Anchorage, AK 99517

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**From:** Lynn Nelson VP Events IIDA NPC <[REDACTED]>  
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I work as an independent manufacturer's representative and I volunteer for IIDA NPC and I know how important this bill is to the interior designers who I work with. This is a bill whose time has come. Thank you for your consideration of support!

J. Lynn Nelson (she/Her), Ind. IIDA  
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**From:** Barbara Cash <[REDACTED]>  
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Senate Finance Committee  
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Dear Senator Olson,

### **Please Pass SB 73 Registration for Alaska Interior Designers**

I'm writing to ask your support for SB 73. Regulating interior design affecting public safety under the AELS Board is good policy for all Alaska.

### **Why SB 73 is Good Policy for Alaskans:**

- **Increases public safety protection.** Expands qualified design professionals to protect public health, safety, and welfare for specific work under the AELS Regulatory Board.
- **Boosts Alaska's Federal Work competitiveness.** The US Department of Defense now requires registered interior designers for their building design projects. SB 73 registration ensures Alaska DOD interior design work, revenue, and registration can stay in Alaska.

- **Allows all interior designers** to continue practicing as they are, provided that services affecting public health, safety and welfare are performed under direct supervision of a registered interior designer or architect.
- **Gives interior designers responsibility for their own work**, saves costly duplicative oversight by architects, and ensures those designers are qualified through education, experience and national examination.

**SB 73 empowers qualified Alaskans to work to their highest potential within our state, encouraging young professional attraction and retention, and workforce and small business development. Please support SB 73; it is good for Alaska!**

Thank you for your consideration of support.  
Respectfully,

Barbara Cash, FASID  
Interior Designer

[REDACTED]  
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Thank you



**Heather Tierney**  
Design Manager  
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**From:** Kacy Jones <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 11:30 AM  
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Thanks,  
Kacy Jones, IIDA



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July 26, 2023

Senate Finance Committee  
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RE: SB73 - An Act to Register Interior Designers

Dear Co-Chair Senators Stedman, Hoffman, and Olson:

I hope you are recharging yourselves during the legislative interim. At the close of the session in May, SB 73, an Act to Register Interior Designers, was reported out of the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee and moved on to the Senate Finance Committee. The Alaska Board of Registration of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) has been actively reviewing this bill and took action at its May 10, 2023, meeting that I would like to make you aware of.

The AELS Board acted on the following issues related to CS-D of SB73 and requested that these be forwarded immediately to the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee to be considered at a hearing on the bill that occurred the same day. The bill was reported out without public testimony, so I am forwarding these actions to the Senate Finance Committee for consideration.

1. The Board does not recommend adding the profession of interior design to 08.48 (AELS Board).
2. If SB 73 is advanced by the legislature, the AELS Board offers the following recommendations to CS-D:
  - Remove all references in the bill to AELS Board make up (Sections 1, 2, 3 and 38).
  - Remove item (15) of Section 27.
  - In Section 30, delete (B) and revise (D) to meet the following: *"review of drawings and specifications of interior spaces made by regulatory agencies."*
  - In Section 37, revise to read as follows: *"Sec 37. TRANSITION: CURRENT INTERIOR DESIGNERS. Notwithstanding this Act, a person working as an interior designer before the effective date of this Act may continue to practice interior design in the state until 90 days after the effective date of regulations established in 12 AAC 36 or 2 years after the effective date of this Act, whichever comes first, at which time they must register if they wish to practice registered interior design as described in AS 08.48.341."*

The AELS Board has discussed the topic of interior design regulation at length for more than 3 years and held 2 special meetings on SB 73 during the 2023 legislative session. We have also raised concerns through written and verbal testimony during hearings on both SB73 and its predecessor bill from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Alaska Legislature, HB 61. While opinions of individual AELS Board members vary, the majority do not support adding the new profession of interior design to AS 08.48, the statute that authorizes the AELS Board. Discussion encouraged interior design to be regulated under a different framework if regulation is needed or desired.

We appreciate being allowed to engage in discussion about this legislation that, if approved, will add to the Board's responsibilities. Please contact me if you would like more detailed information, and I hope you are having a great Alaskan Summer! Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Fritz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine Fritz, Architect

Chair – Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors.

C: Senator Matt Claman

[Senator.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov)

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**From:** Ken Alper  
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**Subject:** FW: SB 73 Registration of Interior Designers  
**Attachments:** 2023.7.26 - Senate Finance Committee - SB73.pdf

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**From:** Catherine Fritz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 10:32 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kelly Merrick <Sen.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Jeff Garness <jeff@garnessengineering.com>; Neal Sara J (CED) <sara.neal@alaska.gov>; Loren Leman <loren@lorenleman.com>  
**Subject:** SB 73 Registration of Interior Designers

Good morning, Senators,

Attached is a letter that I sent you in July on behalf of the Alaska Board of Registration of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS). I recently completed my term of service of the AELS Board, but have been authorized by the current Board, along with my colleague Loren Leman, PE, to continue to represent its actions on SB 73 (and companion bill HB159) through the remainder of this legislative session.

This bill is scheduled for hearing in your Senate Finance Committee on Monday March 25th. It has been noticed for Invited Testimony only, and since the AELS Board, at least at this point, has not been invited, I am re-sending this letter that denotes actions taken last May. In short, while the Board is fully committed to administering and enforcing all applicable bills that become law, this bill has significant concerns that we hope you will address.

I have cc'd the current AELS Board Chair, Jeff Garness, PE, on this email, as well as our Board's Executive Administrator, Sara Neal if you have questions. I am also available on Monday for the hearing if the AELS Board can be added for Invited Testimony.

Thank you,

Catherine Fritz, Architect

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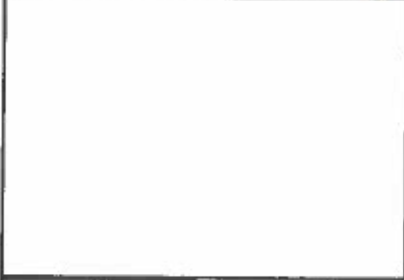
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Best,  
Kendra S. Shea (she/her), IIDA, NCIDQ  
Interior Designer / Owner KS Shea Designs  
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**From:** Brian Meissner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 10:51 AM  
**To:** Sen. Donny Olson <[Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support for SB73

Good Morning Senator,

I'm writing as an architect who strongly supports passage of SB73. This bill will expand professional design in Alaska by allowing NCIDQ certified interior designers to become registered, allowing them to take responsible charge for commercial interior renovations and similar projects. SB73 also funds a long-needed support position to expedite licensing of new professional candidates.

This bill will have many positive benefits to the State of Alaska, making us competitive with states like Nevada:

- It will help Alaska attract and retain design professionals, making our State one of the best places in the nation to be an interior designer.
- It increases consumer choice for design of interior construction projects.
- It removes existing barriers that favor architects on projects for which NCIDQ certified interior designers are equally qualified to protect life, safety and welfare.

The contribution of NCIDQ certified interior designers cannot be underestimated. The Richard Foster Building in your own district benefitted from significant contributions from an interior designer who could become registered under this bill. As an architect, I welcome interior designers to the ranks of registered Alaskan professionals.

Kind Regards,  
Brian

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Dear Senator Olson,

**Please Support SB73 Professional Registration for Commercial Interior Designers.**

My name is Elizabeth Goebel. I am a recent graduate and Alaska transplant from North Dakota State University's CIDA-Accredited program with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design. During my time at NDSU I was involved in multiple student organizations working alongside professionals in the field of Interior Design which enabled me to grasp the extent, function, and discipline of the Interior Design profession. Interior Designers have the insight and ability to create safe, human-centered, durable, health-focused interior environments that can greatly impact the community in which they are placed.

I am currently working towards my NCIDQ certification with the goal of proving my knowledge of construction documentation, public safety, and application of regulatory codes and standards sufficient. As a young designer I strive to consistently grow and advance in the design industry without limitations. Limitations that could be lifted by advancing the extent of this qualification's constitution.

**I strongly support SB73** due to the expansion of Interior Designer's scope limitations in the state of Alaska as well as the increase of individual and state-wide progression of proficient design knowledge, salary opportunities, and benefits that will encourage small businesses, emerging professionals, and existing Interior Design practitioners within the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Goebel, Junior Interior Designer

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Sen. Donny Olson,

My name is Cara Rude and I am in support of SB73. When I became an owner of the longest established and among the largest architectural practices in Alaska, the lack of professional registration for interior designers became an impediment and the company had to restructure from a Professional Corporation to an LLC.

This bill reflects the reality of the modern design marketplace. Accelerated construction timelines and constant technology advancements has led to the demand for Interior Designers that provide a focused education on environments to support human health, wellness, ethical material chemistry, commercial public life safety and the responsibility to reduce embodied carbon.

I believe this bill will lead to better built environments and safeguard an elevated design marketplace for consumers.

Best Regards,

**Cara Rude**, ASID, NCIDQ, LEED AP BD+C, WELL AP, NEWH  
Principal, Interior Designer

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Thank you,

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**From:** Ken Alper  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 2:26 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: SB73 - Please Pass

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**From:** Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>  
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**From:** Stacey Dean <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** Sen. Donny Olson <[Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov)>  
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Dear Sen Olson,

Please pass SB73

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I am also a general contractor with a residential endorsement. My general contractor license #24885. We have been licensed since 8/19/1997. I am also a residential endorsement holder. My endorsement # 1192, and I've held it since 5/22/1998. My company specializes in remodeling homes in the Anchorage area.

I've also passed the NCIDQ exam in 2007. As a design-build remodeling contractor, my goal was to give confidence to my clients that I would make great decisions for them that included all building code assessments. I want to make sure that my clients enjoy their homes, all life-safety code issues are taken care of, and there are no problems if they go to sell their homes in the future. I know that single family residential work will not be affected by this licensing change. But I still will proudly maintain my state license and notify my clients that I hold such a license.

Thank you for your help with this bill.

Sincerely,  
Stacey Dean, ASID  
Grayling Construction

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