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Senate Finance Committee
Honored Committee Members

Please Pass SB 73 Register Alaska Interior Designers

I'm writing to ask your support for SB 73, to register interior designers in Alaska's public and private buildings.

How the Bill Benefits Alaskans:

Protects public safety. Regulates the interior design practice affecting public health, safety, and welfare in Alaska's buildings; requires interior design education, experience, and a national exam including application of codes, regulations and guidelines for registration to provide these services.

Allows registered interior designers to autonomously practice regulated interior design in Alaska's buildings and stamp and submit their work for permit. Expands consumer choice; increases qualified professionals.

Allows non-registered interior designers to independently practice any aspect of interior design that does not affect public health, safety and welfare. They may practice regulated interior design under supervision of a qualified professional. Anyone may call themselves an interior designer in Alaska.

Maintains the practice of architecture in Alaska. Architects also practice interior design.

The Federal Government requires it. The US Department of Defense now requires registered interior designers for their building design and construction projects; SB 73 boosts Alaska project teams' abilities to compete on par with outside firms, keeping the work, revenue, and registration in Alaska.

Please support SB 73, it is good for Alaskans!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Cash". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barbara" being more prominent than the last name "Cash".

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