

From: [President IIDA NPC](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers
Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 10:10:17 AM

Hello,

As the President of the International Interior Design Association's Northern Pacific Chapter, which represents nearly 500 members across Alaska, Washington & Idaho. I'm writing in support of and to urge you to pass SB54!

SB54 proposes reasonable regulation to protect public health, safety, and welfare, by extending the AELS board for 8 years as recommended by legislative audit, by addressing statutory changes as recommended by the AELS Board, and by establishing professional registration with stamp and seal privileges for interiors designers qualified by education, experience, and examination.

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Matt Thompson (he/him) Assoc. IIDA, CDF
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From: [Jason Swift](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 9:38:17 PM

Dear Sen. Matt Claman,

I am writing in strong support of SB54. As an owner and principal architect of a prominent Alaska architectural firm, I believe this bill represents a thoughtful and necessary advancement for our design and construction community.

SB54 proposes reasonable measures to protect public health, safety, and welfare by:

- Extending the AELS Board for eight years, as recommended by the legislative audit;
- Implementing statutory changes as recommended by the AELS Board; and
- Establishing professional registration with stamp and seal privileges for interior designers who are qualified by education, experience, and examination.

As a registered architect in five states, a long time AIA member, NCARB member, and firm owner, I see no negative impact on the practice of architecture. Instead, SB54 offers greater choice for clients, fosters the development of the registered interior design profession, and makes Alaska more attractive to emerging design professionals.

I respectfully encourage you to pass SB54. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jason Swift
AIA Alaska and National Member

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Nayna chin'an gheli ch'u Dena'inaq' Elnen'aq' na'qenq'a teh hnuyididni'
We are very thankful and recognize our house is in the Dena'ina peoples homeland.
Translation in Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina by Aaron Leggett

From: [John Weir](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: SB54
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Best Regards,

John T. Weir, AIA, NCARB

Principal Architect



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From: [Kael Ladegard](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54, Extend AEELS Board; Register Interior Designers
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Hi Senator Claman,

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Sincerely,

Kael Ladegard

President/Owner of ALIGNED AK, and industry partner to the Alaskan design community

District 9-E (Goldenview, Anchorage)

Kael Ladegard, PMP

President | Senior Project Manager

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From: [Karen Hakim \(SYSTEMCENTER\)](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54
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Sen. Matt Claman:

I am an Anchorage resident and an Account Manager at Systemcenter, a Commercial Furniture Dealership in Anchorage and a Designer and industry partner of ASID Alaska. I am writing to express my support of SB54 as an involved ASID chapter sponsor.

Please pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers.

As a Designer I fully understand, and respect, the education and experience needed to become a licensed Interior Designer.

Sincerely,

Karen Hakim
Designer/Account Manager
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

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From: [Larry Cash](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers
Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 12:32:36 PM

Senator Claman

RE: House Labor & Commerce Committee

As a 45+ year Alaska architect, I strongly support SB54 to extend the AELS Board, include statutory changes recommended by the Board, and establish voluntary title registration for interior designers.

Extending the Board for 8 more years is essential to public safety protection, as is updating the statute per Board recommendations, and registering interior designers.

SB54 Interior Design Registration:

- Is voluntary, does not require interior designers to become registered, and **all** may continue to practice as they are currently.
- Interior designers who wish to stamp and seal their own interior permit drawings will be required to have interior design education, experience, and pass a national qualifying exam prior to becoming registered.
- Architects are qualified for this work and will continue to practice as they are.

I have worked with qualified interior designers and support voluntary state registration with permitting privileges as provided in SB54.

I urge you to pass SB54!

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Larry S. Cash, Architect, FAIA
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From: [President IIDA NPC](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54
Date: Friday, May 2, 2025 2:27:38 PM

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From: [Nathanael Kupczyk-Gregory \(SYSTEMCENTER\)](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: SUBJECT LINE: Please Pass SB54
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I am an Anchorage resident and a Business Development Manager at Systemcenter, a Commercial Furniture Dealership in Anchorage and industry partner of ASID Alaska. I writing to express my support of SB54 personally and as an involved ASID Alaska member and chapter sponsor.

Please pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers.

Sincerely,
Nathanael



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Nathanael Kupczyk-Gregory
Business Development Manager

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From: [Dana Nunn](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54 - Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers
Date: Sunday, April 27, 2025 10:04:57 PM
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Sen. Claman,

I have shared the following letter with the House Labor & Commerce Committee, and am forwarding to you for awareness of support for your bill, SB54:

I am an Anchorage-based interior designer providing services in our public spaces throughout Alaska including schools, healthcare facilities, corrections facilities, our courthouses, public safety facilities, hotels, and commercial office spaces. As an NCIDQ-certified designer registered in another state, I also am one of very few that are qualified to be the Designer of Record for DoD projects whose scopes include Comprehensive Interior Design. Such projects include child care and after-school facilities, barracks, projects that support mission readiness on Alaska's Army and Air Force installations. I enthusiastically support SB54 and respectfully request your support, as well.

SB54 proposes reasonable regulation and moves the needle in a substantive way to protect public health, safety, welfare, and well-being. The bill extends the AELS board for 8 years as recommended by legislative audit, addresses statutory changes as recommended by the AELS Board, and establishes professional registration with stamp and seal privileges for interiors designers qualified by education, experience, and examination.

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- Ensures Alaska remains competitive on DoD projects whose scopes include Comprehensive Interior Design.

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Please pass SB54. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Dana Nunn
Anchorage, Alaska, district 15-H

Dana Nunn, FASID, IIDA, NCIDQ, CCS, LEED AP, WELL AP, RID (TX) | Interior Design Director
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CIDA Site Visitor Volunteer for Interior Design Accreditation*

From: [Barbara Cash](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please PASS SB54!
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 3:58:53 PM

Senator Claman: below is a copy of SB54 support letter to House Labor & Commerce Committee Members

Representative Nelson
House Labor & Commerce Committee

Dear Representative Nelson,

I strongly support SB54 for four main points of importance:

- SB54 provides an 8-year extension for the AELS Regulatory Board, protecting public health, safety and welfare in Alaska's built environment, and incorporating important Board-recommended changes.
- It authorizes interior designers qualified by education, experience, and national examination to stamp and seal their drawings for permit review, taking responsibility for their own work.
- It enables Alaska-registered interior designers to qualify for Federal government projects when registration is required, rather than hiring out-of-state registered designers. This keeps the design workforce, revenue and registration fees in Alaska.
- It allows **all** interior designers and architects to continue practicing as they are.

As a 50-year Alaska resident and former small business owner, I strongly urge you to pass SB54!

Thank you for your consideration, and all you do for Alaska!

Respectfully Yours,

Barbara Cash, Interior Designer
2265 Arcadia Drive
Anchorage, AK 99517

Barbara Cash, FASID, IIDA, NCIDQ

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From: [Michael Fredericks](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 7:21:47 PM

Dear Representative Claman:

First of all, thank you for sponsoring SB54! My name is Michael Fredericks, President of SALT, and I am writing to express my strong support for SB54. This bill responsibly advances public health, safety, and welfare by extending the AELS Board for eight years, incorporating important statutory updates recommended by the Board, and establishing voluntary registration with stamp and seal privileges for qualified interior designers. SB54 represents a thoughtful, balanced step forward that strengthens professional standards, expands consumer choice, and supports small businesses across Alaska — without imposing unnecessary restrictions on existing practice.

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Michael Fredericks

Principal + Strategic Engagement

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*It is normal for me to take 1-2 days to read, reflect on, and draft my thoughts to emails before responding. This is to ensure that you receive a quality response within a timeframe that honors my existing professional and personal obligations. **If you have not heard from me and are in need of an immediate reply, please do not hesitate to request that of me directly or give me a call.***

From: [Matthew Jenkins](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 5:48:04 PM

Hello Rep. Claman,

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I urge you to pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers.
Thank you for your consideration and sponsoring this bill.

Sincerely,

Matthew Jenkins | Landscape Designer
District J20, Anchorage

From: [Ashley Killian](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 11:05:30 AM
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Good Morning Senator Claman,

We [ASID Alaska] appreciated meeting with your staff in Juneau last Thursday!

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The media, including HGTV, often misrepresents interior design as mostly residential decorating. As a member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Alaska, we aim to educate the public about the role of commercial interior designers, who must complete a degree and work under a registered designer for 2-4 years depending on degree type. This expertise is vital for ensuring safety in public buildings and understanding building codes. Individuals who have successfully passed the NCIDQ exam, which is assessed by the same organization that evaluates architects and has a higher failure rate than the BAR exam, possess extensive knowledge of designing spaces that prioritize safety and wellbeing. Supporting the passage of SB54 would therefore greatly benefit the state of Alaska by recognizing the importance of qualified professionals in this field and attract and KEEP business in Alaska.

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Sincerely,
Ashley Killian
Interior Designer
District 10-E Oceanview No. 4

Ashley Killian, Allied ASID
FF&E Specialist, Interior Designer|



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From: [Laurel Green](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Support SB54 – Extend AELS Board and Register Interior Designers
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Dear Representative Claman,

I am writing to respectfully ask for your support of SB54, which proposes important measures to protect public health, safety, and welfare in Alaska. This bill extends the AELS Board for another eight years, implements thoughtful statutory updates recommended by the Board, and establishes voluntary professional registration for interior designers qualified by education, experience, and examination.

SB54 strengthens Alaska’s design and construction industry by:

- Adding a seat for a registered interior designer to the AELS Board, ensuring broader representation.
- Allowing qualified interior designers stamp and seal privileges within their limited scope of work, promoting independent practice and accountability.
- Expanding consumer choice, encouraging entrepreneurship, and supporting small businesses.
- Offering more incentives for Alaskans earning interior design degrees out of state to return home and contribute to our economy.
- Protecting the right of qualified professionals to fully use their education, training, and experience.
- Extending lien rights and legal protections already provided to other licensed design professionals.

Importantly, SB54 preserves the current rights of architects and does not mandate any changes for contractors, architects, or clients. Registration remains completely voluntary. Interior designers may continue practicing independently in residential sectors or under the responsible charge of a registered professional, just as they do today.

This is a well-reasoned and timely opportunity to modernize our design regulation in a way that is balanced, fair, and supportive of public safety and economic growth.

I urge you to pass SB54. Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration and for your service to Alaska.

Sincerely,



Laurel Green, Controller
MCG Explore Design, LLC

Best Regards,

Laurel R. Green, MBA
Controller



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From: [Halie Starweir](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Please Vote YES on SB54: Strengthen Alaska's Design Professions
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 10:48:50 AM
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Dear Senator Matt Claman,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to sincerely thank you for your leadership and steadfast support of **SB54** over the past several years. Your commitment to extending the AELS Board and establishing professional registration for qualified interior designers is a vital step in strengthening public health, safety, and economic opportunity across Alaska.

Your sponsorship of SB54 recognizes the importance of:

- Ensuring fair representation of interior designers on the AELS Board.
- Expanding consumer choice and supporting the growth of small businesses.
- Providing qualified professionals the ability to take full responsibility for their work through stamp and seal privileges.
- Encouraging Alaskans who pursue interior design degrees to return and contribute to our state's economy.
- Protecting market access while maintaining voluntary registration and preserving existing practice rights.

Thanks to your advocacy, SB54 offers a thoughtful, balanced approach that respects the roles of all design professionals while improving public protections and opportunities for innovation in Alaska's built environment.

I am truly grateful for your hard work, vision, and dedication to moving this important legislation forward. Your efforts are making a meaningful difference for the future of our profession and for the Alaskan communities we serve.

Thank you again for your continued leadership and support!

Halie Starweir
Marketing Coordinator



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Copy of Letters sent to the:
House Labor and Commerce Committee
Juneau, AK

Senator Matt Claman,

Please Pass SB54, Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers

What this Bill Does:

- extends the AELS board for 8 years as recommended by legislative audit
- incorporates several updates requested directly by the AELS board, and adds interior design as one of the professions regulated by the AELS board.
- Recognizes interior design as a profession and adds interior design as one of the professions regulated by the AELS Board
- Establishes professional registration for qualified interior designers
- Provides for a seat on the AELS board for a registered interior designer, ensuring representation in regulation
- Provides stamp and seal privileges for registered interior designers, thereby allowing interior designers the opportunity to:
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What this Bill Does NOT Do:

- The bill does NOT expand government
 - Registered Interior Designers would be served under the existing AELS Board, adding one seat.
 - All expenses will be borne by the entire board's registrants increasing fees by about \$12.50/registrant annually.
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Mary G Knopf, FASID, NCIDQ
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Anchorage, AK 99502

From: [Stephan Edwards \(SYSTEMCENTER\)](#)
To: [Sen. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Support for SB54 – Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers
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Aloha Rep. Calaman,

I am the owner and President of The Systemcenter, a Commercial Furniture Dealership with operations in Anchorage and an industry partner of ASID Alaska. Our corporate office is based in Honolulu, Hawaii, but we are deeply engaged in the Alaska design and construction community.

I'm writing to express my strong support for **SB54 – Extend AELS Board; Register Interior Designers**, both personally and as an active member and chapter sponsor of ASID Alaska.

Thank you for your support in the passage of SB54 to help advance the professionalism, accountability, and recognition of Interior Designers in Alaska.

Mahalo for your time.



SYSTEMCENTER.

Stephan Edwards
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