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House Labor and Commerce Committee
Honored Committee Members

Please Pass HB 159 Register Alaska Interior Designers

I'm writing to ask your support for HB159, to register interior designers in Alaska's public and private buildings.

Why this Bill is Good Public Policy for Alaskans:

- **Protects public safety.** Regulates the currently unregulated 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 to provide these services.
- **Increases Alaska's competitiveness for Federal Work.** The US Department of Defense requires registered interior designers for building design projects; the HB 159 registration boosts our ability to compete with outside firms, keeping the work, revenue, and registration in Alaska.
- **Allows registered interior designers** to autonomously practice regulated interior design, stamp and submit their work for permit. Expands consumer choice; increases qualified professionals.
- **Allows unregistered interior designers** to work in the regulated scope of practice under direct supervision of a qualified professional, or independently provide non-regulated services in buildings, and residential single-family to 4-plex.
- **Maintains the practice of architecture** in Alaska. Architects also practice interior design.

Please support HB 159, it is good for Alaskans.

Respectfully,



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