



THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

IT'S TIME TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS AND ASK THEM NOT TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BILL THAT WOULD RESTRICT THE PRACTICE OF INTERIOR DESIGN!

A handful of interior designers who are members of a specific group are trying to pass legislation requiring licensing in the profession that would shut out designers who did not go through a specific test and certification process. **This legislation is about restricting competition and will not have any benefit to public health and safety.**

WHAT TO DO:

Contact your three state legislators **TODAY** via phone call or quick email. To determine your district, locate your legislators and obtain their contact information, simply [call 1-800-562-6000](tel:1-800-562-6000) or go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

WHAT TO SAY:

- **There is no threat to public health and safety from interior design.** In 2005, the Washington State Department of Licensing did a sunrise review of interior design legislation and found that no threat existed and that no licensing of interior designers was necessary.
- **The state, the economy, homeowners and small businesses can't afford this legislation.** This legislation is a direct threat to the survival of many small businesses, putting jobs at risk – something Washington cannot afford. Customers of interior design services will see costs go up as competition decreases and designers have to pay unnecessary fees if they actually do qualify. Established firms will go out of business, not because they do poor work or have done something wrong – but simply because they do not meet a very specific set of criteria.
- **There is no gap in protection.** An umbrella of governmental oversight already protects the public and ensures that those involved in design projects follow the appropriate building codes and laws. Plan reviews, building inspectors,

code enforcement officials and licensed professionals (architects, engineers, plumbers, contractors, electricians and others) all verify that any work specified by interior design professionals meets the code and safety requirements enacted to protect the public.

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