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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1068

Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 13, 2020

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1068 amends section 84-617, to adopt the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act. The Act creates a voluntary registration to be administered by the Nebraska State Treasurer for those qualified interior designers in Nebraska to use the title "Registered Interior Designer" and gives those registered the ability to stamp and seal their interior design construction documents for permits in code-regulated spaces.

LB 1068 clarifies which design projects a registered interior designer can stamp and seal for by defining the profession of interior design based on nationally-recognized qualifications. It also defines interior technical submissions and nonstructural elements.

The bill also creates reciprocity for the Nebraska registration for those interior designers who may be registered, licensed, or certified in another state. It ensures that those interior designers, decorators, and related professionals who do not wish to become registered are in no way negatively affected by the voluntary registration or forced to register.

LB 1068 also establishes continuing education requirements for those who wish to become registered to ensure that they are up to date on building, accessibility, and safety standards and other topics that may affect the health and safety of the public.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Megan Hunt