

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)**  
**LB250**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 03, 2021  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Hunt  
**One Liner:** Adopt the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Brewer, Halloran, Hansen, M., Hunt, McCollister, Sanders
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Blood, Lowe
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Megan Hunt  
Jessica Doolittle  
Marilyn Hansen  
Stacy Spale  
Kendra Ordia  
Laura Ebke  
Ashlynn Engelhard  
Keleigh Ketelhut  
Jay Davis

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
The Designers  
Self  
Self  
Platte Institute  
Self  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

Justin Brady  
  
Joseph Kohout  
Lizabeth Bavitz  
Kjersten Tucker  
Quinlan McFadden  
Jeanne McClure  
  
Richard Burton

**Representing:**

AIA Nebraska Chapter, Home Builders of Lincoln and Metro  
Omaha Builders Association  
Professional Engineers Coalition  
AIA  
AIA Nebraska  
AIAS Nebraska  
ACEC Nebraska American Council of Engineering  
Companies  
Self

**Neutral:**

Jon Wilbeck

**Representing:**

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:****Representing:****Opponents:**

Jean Petsch

**Representing:**

Associated General Contractors - NE - Building Chapter

**Neutral:****Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This bill proposes a voluntary registration regime for the occupational regulation of interior designers. Persons registered under the act would be entitled to review, sign, and seal interior technical submissions and submit them to state or local government for purposes of obtaining a permit. The scope of practice for registered interior designers would only include nonstructural construction elements. The State Treasurer would be responsible for maintaining the registry.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment maintains the original bill's proposed policy of a voluntary registration program for interior designers. However, instead of creating a new program housed at the State Treasurer's office, the amendment would delegate this function to the already existing Board of Engineers and Architects.

The bill also revises the many instances in statute of the phrase "Engineers and Architects Regulation Act" to instead refer to the "Engineers, Architects, and Registered Interior Designers Act." This change accounts for the much longer page length of the committee amendment as compared to the original version of the bill. At least thirty-seven of the sixty-three sections of the committee amendment are included for the purpose of making this harmonizing change relating to the name of the act.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson