



BRIDGE HALL DESIGN
ARCHITECTURE & INTERIORS
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Re: H7842/ S2518 – Chapter 97: State of Rhode Island Interior Design Practice Act

April 1, 2026

Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporation,

I am writing to express my support for Bill H7842/ S2518: Chapter 97: State of Rhode Island Interior Design Practice Act.

My name is Cory Kallfelz, and I am a Rhode Island registered Architect (AR#3802) with 25 years of experience. I am the owner of Bridge Hall Design Inc. in Warren, Rhode Island, and I am committed to supporting professional standards that strengthen the design and construction industry in our state.

I am part of a broad consortium of practitioners, educators, small business owners, and industry leaders across Rhode Island who are committed to advancing professional standards. Interior Design is a distinct profession focused on the planning and design of interior environments that protect the health, safety, and welfare of occupants while supporting and enhancing human experience.

I view this legislation as a necessary step to ensure that interior design practitioners who have met the professional qualifications required for registered licensure are recognized and regulated under RI State Law in the same manner as the practice of professional architects and engineers.

This bill will provide interior design professionals who fulfill the professional education, examination, and experience requirements, as well as continuing education with:

- Greater professional autonomy and equity
- The ability to stamp and seal interior construction documents and to assume the liability and responsibility associated with stamping such documents.

Currently, 29 states, as well as Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, have enacted legislation recognizing or regulating the profession of interior design. Within New England, Connecticut and Maine have established interior design legislation.

Passing this bill would help align Rhode Island with these jurisdictions to ensure:

- Consistent professional standards
- Stronger consumer protections
- Improved workforce mobility across state lines

This legislation affirms that qualified interior designers who meet established education, experience, and examination standards will take responsibility for code-compliant and safe interior environments. It will also provide clarity for building officials and allied professionals while supporting economic development within the design and construction industries.

As a registered Architect in the State of Rhode Island, I respectfully ask that you support Bill H7842/ S2518 in recognition of the important role interior designers play in protecting the public and advancing the profession.

Thank you for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CK', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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