

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB471**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 09, 2023**

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

LB 471 would create a voluntary registration to be administered by the Board of Engineers and Architects, for qualified interior designers to use the title "Registered Interior Designer" and gives those registered the ability to stamp and seal their interior design construction documents. Board oversight of a registered interior designer would promote the health, safety and welfare of Nebraskans.

Currently in Nebraska, interior designers must have their design plans stamped by an architect or engineer, resulting in unnecessary fees and delays in their projects.

The bill 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. The interior designers would only be allowed to use the stamp and seal for designs and projects that were part of their education and training. They would not be allowed to stamp and seal anything outside of their education and training. It would also create reciprocity for the Nebraska registration for interior designers who are registered, licensed, or certified in another state. Those interior designers, decorators, and related professionals who do not wish to become registered are not required to and will not be impacted.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Suzanne Geist**