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COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGN CERTIFICATION BILL GAINS MOMENTUM IN UTAH

CHICAGO — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA), Interior Design and Education for Legislation (IDEAL) for Utah, and the IIDA Intermountain Chapter are pleased to announce that Utah Senate Bill 117, “Commercial Interior Design Certification Modifications,” has unanimously passed the Senate Business and Labor Committee and will be heard by the Senate.

Utah Senate Bill 117 introduces certification for commercial interior designers, which will allow them to pull permits from local building officials with their drawings, expanding opportunities for commercial interior designers in the state. The effort, led by lobbyist Amy Coombs, Senior Partner, Prestige Government Relations and Consulting Group, has been a two-year process supported by IIDA, IDEAL for Utah, and the IIDA Intermountain Chapter.

“The unwavering support, constant collaboration, and sharing of advocacy resources and ideas among IIDA Headquarters, the IIDA Intermountain Chapter, and IDEAL for Utah, has undoubtedly led to the successful outcome of this first step toward interior design legislation in Utah,” said Emily Kluczynski, MPPA, Director of Advocacy, Public Policy, and Legislation at IIDA. “We are thrilled for all commercial interior designers in Utah as this is an important first step toward allowing them to practice to the fullest of their abilities.”

Utah S.B. 117 is expected to come to the Senate floor by the end of February 2016.

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