

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE EXISTING ABILITY OF QUALIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS TO SUBMIT CERTAIN INTERIOR DESIGN CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT.

### Summary of Legislation

Under current law, county and municipal building departments must review interior design construction documents and specifications submitted by qualified interior designers as part of an application for a building permit. The bill defines a "qualified interior designer" and *restates* current law that a qualified interior designer may file certain documents and specifications for interior finishes and nonstructural elements within and surrounding interior spaces of any building or structure as part of the building permit process. The bill also *restates* the types of structural elements and related items that a qualified interior designer may not submit.

As a condition of filing interior design documents and specifications in the building permit approval process, the bill requires that qualified interior designers provide a current copy of the designer's professional liability insurance coverage. The bill also states that a county or municipality may adopt requirements affecting interior designers in its building code that are more strict than the requirements specified in the bill.

The bill takes effect September 1, 2012, unless a referendum petition is filed.

### Assessment

The bill restates the authority and restrictions regarding qualified interior designers in the local building permit process. The bill does not affect regulatory or oversight requirements of interior designers or affect the workload of local building departments. Therefore, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

### Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies

Local Affairs