



ALASKA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR  
ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS

TENTATIVE AGENDA

**MAY 2, 2023**

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**Teleconference:** 253-215-8782

**Board Members:**

**Catherine Fritz**  
*Architect (Chair)*

**Jeffrey Garness**  
*Engineer other than those listed (Vice Chair)*

**Edward Leonetti**  
*Landscape Architect (Secretary)*

**Robert (Bob) Bell**  
*Land Surveyor*

**Brent Cole**  
*Public Member*

**Elizabeth Johnston**  
*Electrical/Mechanical*

**Loren Leman**  
*Civil Engineer*

**Jake Maxwell**  
*Land Surveyor*

**Randall Rozier**  
*Architect*

**Sterling Strait**  
*Civil Engineer*

**Fred Wallis**  
*Mining Engineer*

**Meeting Details**

Meeting Start Time: 10:00am.

Meeting Start Date: 5/2/2023

Meeting End Time: 11:00am.

Meeting End Date: 5/2/2023

Meeting Location: Zoom

**Agenda**

1. 10:00 am - Call to Order/Roll Call/Virtual Notice
2. 10:05 am - Review/Amend/Approve Agenda
3. 10:10 am – Status of SB126
  - A. Adding Executive Administrator Salary to bill
4. 10:30 am - AELS Concerns with CS SB73
5. 10:57 am - NCARB Voting Delegate
6. 11:00 am - Adjourn

**From:** [Catherine Fritz](#)  
**To:** [Neal, Sara J \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: EA salary  
**Date:** Sunday, April 30, 2023 6:47:53 AM

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Sara, please include the following information to the AELS Board regarding agenda item 3.A. of the May 2, 2023 special meeting:

The current ALES Board's Executive Administrator (EA) salary is set at Range18 by the AK Dept of Administration (aka "HR"). The matter for the AELS Board to consider is whether or not to include an increased EA Salary Range in SB126.

Background: There are 22 professional Boards, 7 of these have EAs. Of the 7 EAs, 3 are Range 23 that are set in statute and a 4th (Big Game/Guides) have currently proposed legislation to raise theirs to also be 23. EA ranges that are not set in statute are AELS (Range 18), Real Estate (Range 19), and Nursing (Range 25).

Please see the email below from Director Sylvan Robb who supports the AELS Board raising the EA Salary Range to 23 and setting it in statute. She also proposes wording that would need to be added to existing SB126. I have reviewed the options for making this amendment with the AELS Board's Legislative Liaison Chair, Loren Leman. We suggest that the current SB126 continue through the Senate as written. Once it moves to the House of Representatives, we can work with the appropriate parties to propose an amendment. Because a fiscal note will be added to SB126, the bill would have to return to the senate, but with House support, as well as Division support, it is expected that this would not be controversial.

**Action needed:** Authorize Board Chair, Catherine Fritz and Legislative Chair, Loren Leman to pursue an amendment to SB126 that incorporates an increase in the salary range of the Board's EA to Range 23.

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**From:** Robb, Sylvan S (CED) <sylvan.robb@alaska.gov>  
**To:** jnucatherine@yahoo.com <jnucatherine@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 12:25:55 PM CDT  
**Subject:** EA salary

Hi Catherine – I think Sara has shared that we are supportive of seeing the salary range for your EA put into statute. That will ensure that the position is compensated for the work it's asked to do. If the board is supportive, here's what could be done in SB 126 to implement this change through a small amendment – and this is assuming the range the board wants is a 23 (which is what's most common for EAs).

Amend Section 3 of SB 126 to add the highlighted text:

\* **Sec. 3. AS 08.48.055(a) is amended to read:**

(a) The department, in consultation with the board, shall employ two persons who are not members of the board. One shall serve as the executive **administrator** [SECRETARY] of the board. The other shall serve as investigator for the board. The executive **administrator** [SECRETARY] is the principal executive officer of the board and is in the partially exempt service under AS 39.25.120 **and is entitled to receive a monthly salary equal to a step in range 23 on the salary schedule set out in AS 39.27.011(a).**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sylvan

Sylvan Robb, Director

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Senate Labor and Commerce Committee  
April 12, 2023 – 1:30-3pm - Invited Testimony

My name is Catherine Fritz, and I serve as Chair of the Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS). I am an architect by profession and I live in Juneau.

Thank you for the opportunity to share thoughts about SB73 on behalf of the AELS Board.

SB 73 proposes to add a new design profession, interior design, to AS 08.48, the statute that authorizes the AELS Board. This bill is substantially similar to former HB61 from the 32nd Alaska Legislature. Since 2021, the AELS Board has reviewed and raised concerns on both bills that propose to regulate the practice of interior design through the registration of interior designers.

A letter that outlines six issues of concern of SB73 was submitted to the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee on February 24. The AELS Board recently held two special meetings to review this bill and address the overall topic of interior design regulation.

The Board has not yet taken an official position in support or opposition of SB73. Rather, it has been encouraging dialog with the group of interior designers who have been promoting the bill and their colleagues, Alaska's architects, most of whom oppose interior design registration as proposed. The hope has been that the people who are most affected by the interior design industry could work together to develop mutually agreeable legislation that may be established within the AELS Board or elsewhere in state statute. At the same time, the Board has been reluctant to take a position on SB73 because it did not draft the bill. The Board respects the legislature's role to consider, and perhaps even pass legislation it sees as appropriate while the Board's job is to regulate professions authorized under enacted legislation.

At the most recent special meeting on March 16 the Board heard from the Interior Design Working Group that was established in July, 2022 to collaborate on interior design regulation issues. There was optimism among Working Group members that amendments to SB73 might be developed that would provide the AELS Board more information so that it could then consider action. A meeting of the Working Group was held on March 31. In fact, to fully disclose to this Committee, I attended this virtual meeting. As a registered architect and long time member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), I serve as a member of the Working Group. I do represent the AELS Board when attending these meetings. The AELS Board has not yet received a report of the March 31 meeting. However, I have scheduled time on our upcoming regular AELS Board meeting agenda on May 10-11 to receive updated information and discuss SB73 so the Board can then decide how it would like to proceed. I can request an additional special meeting of the AELS Board if you believe our additional input on the bill is valuable before May 11.

We appreciate being allowed to engage in discussion about this legislation that, if approved, will add to the Board's responsibilities.

Attachment: Feb 24, 2023 letter and issues of concern

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 73(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR CLAMAN

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; establishing  
2 requirements for the practice of registered interior design; relating to the State Board of  
3 Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to liens for labor  
4 or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of interior design services; and  
5 providing for an effective date."

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.48.011(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) The board consists of 12 [11] members appointed by the governor having  
9 the qualifications as set out in AS 08.48.031. The board consists of two civil  
10 engineers, two land surveyors, one mining engineer, one electrical or mechanical  
11 engineer, one engineer from another branch of the profession of engineering, two  
12 architects, one landscape architect, one interior designer, and one public member.

13 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, is amended to read:

1 (b) The board consists of **13** [12] members appointed by the governor having  
2 the qualifications as set out in AS 08.48.031. The board consists of two civil  
3 engineers, two land surveyors, one mining engineer, one electrical **engineer, one** [OR]  
4 mechanical engineer, one engineer from another branch of the profession of  
5 engineering, two architects, one landscape architect, one **registered** interior designer,  
6 and one public member.

7 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.48.061(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) The board may make expenditures from appropriated funds for any  
9 purpose that is reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties under this  
10 chapter. This may include the expenses of the board delegates to **attend** meetings of  
11 councils of architect examiners, engineering examiners, land surveyor examiners,  
12 **registered interior designer examiners**, or landscape architect examiners, or any of  
13 their subdivisions. The total amount of disbursements issued in payment of the  
14 expenses incurred under this chapter may not exceed the amount of money  
15 appropriated by the legislature.

16 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 08.48.071(f) is amended to read:

17 (f) The department shall assemble statistics relating to the performance of its  
18 staff and the performance of the board, including

- 19 (1) the number of architects, engineers, land surveyors, **registered**  
20 **interior designers**, and landscape architects registered over a five-year period;  
21 (2) the rate of passage of examinations administered by the board;  
22 (3) the number of persons making application for registration as a  
23 professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, **registered interior designer**, or  
24 landscape architect over a five-year period;  
25 (4) an account of registration fees collected under AS 08.01.065;  
26 (5) a measure of the correspondence workload of any licensing  
27 examiner employed by the department to carry out this chapter.

28 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 08.48.111 is amended to read:

29 **Sec. 08.48.111. Power to revoke, suspend, or reissue certificate.** The board  
30 may suspend, refuse to renew, or revoke the certificate of or reprimand a registrant,  
31 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership who is found

1 guilty of (1) fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate; (2) gross negligence,  
 2 incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of architecture, engineering, land  
 3 surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architecture; or (3) a violation of  
 4 this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or the code of ethics or  
 5 professional conduct as adopted by the board. The code of ethics or professional  
 6 conduct shall be distributed in writing to every registrant and applicant for registration  
 7 under this chapter. This publication and distribution of the code of ethics or  
 8 professional conduct constitutes due notice to all registrants. The board may revise and  
 9 amend its code and, upon doing so, shall immediately notify each registrant in writing  
 10 of the revisions or amendments. The board may, upon petition of the registrant,  
 11 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership, reissue a  
 12 certificate if a majority of the members of the board vote in favor of the reissuance.

13 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 08.48.171 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 08.48.171. General requirements and qualifications for registration.**

15 An applicant for registration as an architect, engineer, land surveyor, **registered**  
 16 **interior designer**, or landscape architect must be of good character and reputation and  
 17 shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of the applicant's education, training,  
 18 and experience. However, an applicant for registration as a land surveyor may not be  
 19 required to submit evidence of more than eight years of any combination of education,  
 20 experience, or training.

21 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 08.48.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (b) Except as provided in AS 08.48.191, for registration as a registered interior  
 23 designer, a person shall be examined in this state in accordance with the regulations of  
 24 procedure and standards adopted by the board under AS 44.62 (Administrative  
 25 Procedure Act). **The procedure and standards must include successfully completing**  
 26 **the examination administered by the Council for Interior Design Qualification or its**  
 27 **successor.** *Keep existing statute: The procedure and standards shall at least meet the requirements*  
 28 *adopted by recognized national examining councils for these professions.*

29 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 08.48.191 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

30 (e) A person holding a certificate of registration authorizing the person to  
 31 practice registered interior design in a state, territory, or possession of the United  
 States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country that, in the opinion of the board,

1 meets the requirements of this chapter, based on verified evidence, may, upon  
2 application, be registered in accordance with the regulations of the board.

3 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 08.48.201(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Application for registration as a professional architect, a professional  
5 engineer, a professional land surveyor, **a registered interior designer**, or a  
6 professional landscape architect shall

7 (1) be on a form prescribed and furnished by the board;

8 (2) contain statements made under oath, showing the applicant's  
9 education and a detailed summary of the applicant's technical experience; and

10 (3) contain five references, three of whom must be architects for  
11 architectural registration, engineers for engineering registration, land surveyors for  
12 land surveying registration, **architects or registered interior designers for interior**  
13 **design registration**, and landscape architects for landscape architectural registration,  
14 having personal knowledge of the applicant's architectural, engineering, land  
15 surveying, **interior design**, or landscape architectural education, training, or  
16 experience.

17 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 08.48.211 is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 08.48.211. Certificate of registration.** (a) An applicant who fulfills the  
19 requirements set out by the board shall be awarded a certificate of registration as a  
20 professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect, **or as a**  
21 **registered interior designer**, authorizing the holder to offer or perform architectural,  
22 engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural  
23 services or work for the public, or to certify or sign architectural, engineering, land  
24 surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural documents.  
25 Certificates of registration issued under this section shall be inscribed on their face in a  
26 manner determined by the board.

27 (b) The certificate of registration sealed by the board is prima facie evidence  
28 that the person named in it is entitled to all rights and privileges of a professional  
29 architect, professional engineer, professional land surveyor, **registered interior**  
30 **designer**, or professional landscape architect while the certificate remains unrevoked  
31 or unexpired.



1 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 08.48.215(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) On retiring from practice and payment of an appropriate one-time fee, an  
3 individual who is a registrant in good standing with the board may apply for the  
4 conversion of a certificate of registration to a retired status registration. An individual  
5 holding a retired status registration may not practice architecture, engineering, land  
6 surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architecture in the state. A retired  
7 status registration is valid for the life of the registration holder and does not require  
8 renewal.

9 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 08.48.221(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Each registrant may obtain a seal of the design authorized by the board,  
11 bearing the registrant's name, registration number, and the legend "Registered  
12 Professional Architect," "Registered Professional Engineer," "Registered Professional  
13 Land Surveyor," **"Registered Interior Designer,"** or "Registered Professional  
14 Landscape Architect," as appropriate. When a registrant issues final drawings,  
15 specifications, surveys, plats, plates, reports, or similar documents, the registrant shall  
16 stamp the documents with the seal and sign the seal. The board shall adopt regulations  
17 governing the use of seals by the registrant. An architect, engineer, land surveyor,  
18 **registered interior designer**, or landscape architect may not affix or permit a seal and  
19 signature to be affixed to an instrument after the expiration of a certificate or for the  
20 purpose of aiding or abetting another person to evade or attempt to evade a provision  
21 of this chapter. The registrant, by affixing the registrant's seal to final drawings,  
22 specifications, surveys, plats, plates, reports, or similar documents, and by signing the  
23 seal, certifies that the documents were prepared by or under the registrant's direct  
24 supervision, are within the registrant's field of practice, or constitute design work of  
25 minor importance.

26 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 08.48.241(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) This chapter does not prevent a corporation, limited liability company, or  
28 limited liability partnership from offering architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
29 **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural services; however, the  
30 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership shall file with  
31 the board

1 (1) an application for a certificate of authorization on [UPON] a form  
2 to be prescribed by the board and containing information required to enable the board  
3 to determine whether the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
4 partnership is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter to offer to  
5 practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or  
6 landscape architecture in this state;

7 (2) a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the  
8 corporation, the managing members or manager of the limited liability company, or  
9 the general partners of a limited liability partnership designating persons holding  
10 certificates of registration under this chapter as responsible for the practice of  
11 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
12 architecture by the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
13 partnership in this state and providing that full authority to make all final architectural,  
14 engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural  
15 decisions on behalf of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
16 partnership with respect to work performed by the corporation, limited liability  
17 company, or limited liability partnership in this state is granted by the board of  
18 directors of the corporation, the managing members or manager of the limited liability  
19 company, or the general partners of the limited liability partnership to the persons  
20 designated in the resolution; however, the filing of this resolution does not relieve the  
21 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership of any  
22 responsibility or liability imposed on [UPON] it by law or by contract;

23 (3) a designation in writing setting out the name of one or more  
24 persons holding certificates of registration under this chapter who are in responsible  
25 charge of each major branch of the architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
26 **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural activities in which the  
27 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership specializes in  
28 this state; if a change is made in the person in responsible charge of a major branch of  
29 the architectural, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or  
30 landscape architectural activities, the change shall be designated in writing and filed  
31 with the board within 30 days after the effective date of the change.

1 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 08.48.241(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) Upon filing with the board the application for certificate of authorization,  
3 certified copy of resolution, affidavit, and designation of persons specified in this  
4 section, the board shall, subject to (c) of this section, issue to the corporation, limited  
5 liability company, or limited liability partnership a certificate of authorization to  
6 practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or  
7 landscape architecture in this state upon a determination by the board that

8 (1) the bylaws of the corporation, the articles of organization or  
9 operating agreement of the limited liability company, or the partnership agreement of  
10 the limited liability partnership contain provisions that all architectural, engineering,  
11 land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural decisions  
12 pertaining to architectural, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or  
13 landscape architectural activities in this state will be made by the specified architect,  
14 engineer, land surveyor, **registered interior designer**, or landscape architect in  
15 responsible charge, or other registered architects, engineers, land surveyors,  
16 **registered interior designers**, or landscape architects under the direction or  
17 supervision of the architect, engineer, land surveyor, **registered interior designer**, or  
18 landscape architect in responsible charge;

19 (2) the application for certificate of authorization states the type of  
20 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
21 architecture practiced or to be practiced by the corporation, limited liability company,  
22 or limited liability partnership;

23 (3) the applicant corporation, limited liability company, or limited  
24 liability partnership has the ability to provide architectural, engineering, land  
25 surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural services;

26 (4) the application for certificate of authorization states the  
27 professional records of the designated person who is in responsible charge of each  
28 major branch of architectural, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**,  
29 or landscape architectural activities in which the corporation, limited liability  
30 company, or limited liability partnership specializes;

31 (5) the application for certificate of authorization states the experience,

1 if any, of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership in  
2 furnishing architectural, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or  
3 landscape architectural services during the preceding five-year period;

4 (6) the applicant corporation, limited liability company, or limited  
5 liability partnership meets other requirements related to professional competence in  
6 the furnishing of architectural, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior**  
7 **design**, or landscape architectural services as may be adopted by the board in  
8 furtherance of the objectives and provisions of this chapter.

9 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 08.48.241(d) is amended to read:

10 (d) The certificate of authorization must specify the major branches of  
11 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
12 architecture of which the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
13 partnership has designated a person in responsible charge as provided in this section.  
14 The certificate of authorization shall be conspicuously displayed in the place of  
15 business of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership,  
16 together with the names of persons designated as being in responsible charge of the  
17 professional activities.

18 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 08.48.241(e) is amended to read:

19 (e) If a corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership  
20 that is organized solely by [EITHER] a group of architects, a group of engineers, a  
21 group of land surveyors, **a group of registered interior designers**, or a group of  
22 landscape architects, each holding a certificate of registration under this chapter,  
23 applies for a certificate of authorization, the board may, in its discretion, grant a  
24 certificate of authorization to the corporation, limited liability company, or limited  
25 liability partnership based on a review of the professional records of the incorporators  
26 of the corporation, organizers of the limited liability company, or partners who formed  
27 the limited liability partnership in place of the required qualifications set out in this  
28 section. If the ownership of the corporation is altered, the membership of the limited  
29 liability company is altered, or the partners of the limited liability partnership change,  
30 the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership shall apply  
31 for a revised certificate of authorization, based **on** [UPON] the professional records of

1 the owners of the corporation, the members of the limited liability company, or the  
2 partners of the limited liability partnership, if exclusively architects, engineers, land  
3 surveyors, **registered interior designers**, or landscape architects, or otherwise under  
4 the qualifications required by (b)(1) - (4) of this section.

5 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 08.48.241(f) is amended to read:

6 (f) A corporation, limited liability company, or a limited liability partnership  
7 authorized to offer architectural, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior**  
8 **design**, or landscape architectural services under this chapter, together with its  
9 directors, officers, managing members, manager, and partners for their own individual  
10 acts, is responsible to the same degree as the designated individual registered architect,  
11 engineer, land surveyor, **registered interior designer**, or landscape architect, and  
12 shall conduct its business without misconduct or malpractice in the practice of  
13 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
14 architecture as defined in this chapter.

15 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 08.48.241(g) is amended to read:

16 (g) If the board, after a proper hearing, finds that a corporation, limited  
17 liability company, or limited liability partnership holding a certificate of authorization  
18 has committed misconduct or malpractice, the board shall suspend or revoke the  
19 certificate of authorization. The board shall also suspend or revoke the certificate of  
20 registration of any registered individual architect, engineer, land surveyor, **interior**  
21 **designer**, or landscape architect who, after a proper hearing, is found by the board to  
22 have participated in committing the misconduct or malpractice.

23 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 08.48.251 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 08.48.251. Certain partnerships.** This chapter does not prevent the  
25 practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or  
26 landscape architecture by a partnership if all of the members of the partnership are  
27 architects, engineers, land surveyors, **registered interior designers**, or landscape  
28 architects legally registered under this chapter. In this section, "partnership" does not  
29 include a limited liability partnership.

30 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 08.48.281(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) A person may not practice or offer to practice the profession of

1 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
2 architecture in the state, or use in connection with the person's name or otherwise  
3 assume or advertise a title or description tending to convey the impression that the  
4 person is an architect, [AN] engineer, [A] land surveyor, **registered interior designer**,  
5 or [A] landscape architect, unless the person has been registered under the provisions  
6 of this chapter or is a person to whom these provisions do not apply, or, in the case of  
7 a corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership, unless it has  
8 been authorized under this chapter.

9 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 08.48.281 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, this chapter does not prohibit the  
11 practice of registered interior design by a person who is not registered to practice  
12 registered interior design if the services are being performed by a person acting within  
13 the scope of practice authorized by another license that is held by the person.

14 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 08.48.291 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 08.48.291. Violations and penalties.** A person who practices or offers to  
16 practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or  
17 landscape architecture in the state without being registered or authorized to practice in  
18 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or a person presenting or attempting to  
19 use the certificate or the seal of another, or a person who gives false or forged  
20 evidence of any kind to the board or to a member of the board in obtaining or  
21 attempting to obtain a certificate, or a person who impersonates a registrant, or a  
22 person who uses or attempts to use an expired or revoked or nonexistent certificate,  
23 knowing of the certificate's status, or a person who falsely claims to be registered and  
24 authorized to practice under this chapter, or a person who violates any of the  
25 provisions of this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is  
26 punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than  
27 one year, or by both.

28 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 08.48.295(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) In addition to any other provision of law, if a person practices or offers to  
30 practice architecture, engineering, **registered interior design**, or land surveying in the  
31 state without being registered or authorized to practice in accordance with the

1 provisions of this chapter, the board may enter an order levying a civil penalty.

2 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 08.48.311 is amended to read:

3 **Sec. 08.48.311. Rights not transferable.** The right to engage in the practice of  
4 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
5 architecture is considered a personal and individual right, based on the qualifications  
6 of the individual as evidenced by the individual's certificate of registration, which is  
7 not transferable.

8 \* **Sec. 25.** AS 08.48.321 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 08.48.321. Evidence of practice.** A person practices or offers to practice  
10 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
11 architecture **if the person** [WHO]

12 (1) practices a branch of the profession of architecture, engineering,  
13 land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architecture [AS DEFINED  
14 IN AS 08.48.341];

15 (2) by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or other  
16 means represents to be an architect, engineer, land surveyor, **registered interior**  
17 **designer**, or landscape architect, or through the use of some other title implies that the  
18 person is an architect, engineer, land surveyor, **registered interior designer**, or  
19 landscape architect; or

20 (3) holds out as able to perform or [WHO] does perform an  
21 architectural, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
22 architectural service recognized by the professions covered by this chapter, and  
23 specified in regulations of the board, as an architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
24 **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural service.

25 \* **Sec. 26.** AS 08.48.331(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) This chapter does not apply to

27 (1) a contractor performing work designed by a professional architect,  
28 engineer, **registered interior designer**, or landscape architect or the supervision of the  
29 construction of the work as a supervisor or superintendent for a contractor;

30 (2) workers in building trades crafts, earthwork, grounds keeping, or  
31 nursery operations, and superintendents, supervisors, or inspectors in the performance

1 of their customary duties;

2 (3) an officer or employee of the United States government practicing  
3 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
4 architecture as required by the person's official capacity;

5 (4) an employee or a subordinate of a person registered under this  
6 chapter if the work or service is done under the direct supervision of a person  
7 registered under this chapter;

8 (5) associates, consultants, or specialists retained by a registered  
9 individual, [A] partnership of registered individuals, [A] corporation, [A] limited  
10 liability company, or [A] limited liability partnership authorized to practice  
11 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape  
12 architecture under this chapter, in the performance of professional services if  
13 responsible charge of the work remains with the individual, the partnership, or a  
14 designated representative of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited  
15 liability partnership;

16 (6) a person preparing drawings or specifications for

17 (A) a building for the person's own use and occupancy as a  
18 single family residence and related site work for that building;

19 (B) farm or ranch buildings and their grounds unless the public  
20 health, safety, or welfare is involved;

21 (C) a building that is intended to be used only as a residence by  
22 not more than

23 (i) four families and that is not more than two stories  
24 high and the grounds of the building; or

25 (ii) two families and that is not more than three stories  
26 high and the grounds of the building, if the building is located in a  
27 municipality that has adopted a building or residential code that applies  
28 to the building and if the building complies with the building or  
29 residential code;

30 (D) a garage, workshop, or similar building that contains less  
31 than 2,000 square feet of floor space to be used for a private noncommercial



1 purpose and the grounds of the building;

2 (7) a specialty contractor licensed under AS 08.18 while engaged in  
3 the business of construction contracting for work designed by an architect, engineer,  
4 **registered interior designer**, or landscape architect that is within the specialty to be  
5 performed or supervised by the specialty contractor, or a contractor preparing shop or  
6 field drawings for work that the specialty contractor has contracted to perform;

7 (8) a person furnishing drawings, specifications, instruments of  
8 service, or other data for alterations or repairs to a building or its grounds that do not  
9 change or affect the structural system or the safety of the building, or that do not affect  
10 the public health, safety, or welfare;

11 (9) a person who is employed by a postsecondary educational  
12 institution to teach engineering, architectural, **interior design**, or landscape  
13 architectural courses; in this paragraph, "postsecondary educational institution" has the  
14 meaning given in AS 14.48.210;

15 (10) an officer or employee of an individual, firm, partnership,  
16 association, utility, corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
17 partnership, who practices engineering, architecture, land surveying, **registered**  
18 **interior design**, or landscape architecture involved in the operation of the employer's  
19 business only **if** [, AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT] neither the employee nor the  
20 employer offers engineering, architecture, land surveying, **registered interior design**,  
21 or landscape architecture services to the public; exclusions under this paragraph do not  
22 apply to buildings or structures whose primary use is public occupancy;

23 (11) a person while involved in revegetation, restoration, reclamation,  
24 rehabilitation, or erosion control for disturbed land that the board determines does not  
25 affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

26 (12) a person while maintaining or directing the placement of plant  
27 material that the board determines does not affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

28 (13) an employee, officer, or agent of a regulatory agency of the state  
29 or a municipality when reviewing drawings and specifications for compliance with the  
30 building codes of the state or a municipality if the drawings and specifications have  
31 been sealed and signed by an architect, engineer, land surveyor, **registered interior**

**designer**, or landscape architect or the preparation of the drawings and specifications is exempt under this section from the requirements of this chapter; in this paragraph, "building codes" includes codes relating to building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire safety standards, and zoning;

(14) a person who is designing fire detection or suppression systems and is authorized by the Department of Public Safety to design fire detection or suppression systems; *Remove (15) It is redundant to (6) above because all persons are already exempted.*

**(15) a person providing services limited to the planning, design, and implementation of a kitchen or bath or the specification of products for a kitchen or bath, if the space or area is in a building described in (6) of this subsection.**

\* **Sec. 27.** AS 08.48.331 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) The requirement to be registered as an interior designer under this chapter only applies to a person who practices an aspect of interior design that the board has determined affects the public health, safety, or welfare. *The Board will need to develop regs to define the practice of ID that relates to H&W. How does this relate to Sec 29, below?*

\* **Sec. 28.** AS 08.48.341(4) is amended to read:

(4) "certificate of authorization" means a certificate issued by the board authorizing a corporation, a limited liability company, or a limited liability partnership to provide professional services in architecture, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architecture through individuals legally registered by the board;

\* **Sec. 29.** AS 08.48.341 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(24) "practice of registered interior design"

*Working Group has requested changes to (A) (i) thru (v) that align with existing similar definitions, deletes reference to minor importance (v).*

- (A) includes
  - (i) the professional service of creative work;
  - (ii) teaching of advanced interior design courses in an institution of higher learning;
  - (iii) providing consultation, investigation, research, evaluation, planning, and design for or professional observation of private buildings, works, or projects;
  - (iv) interior design review of drawings and

1 specifications made by regulatory agencies;

2 (v) mechanical, electrical, and structural design of  
3 minor importance as allowed by regulations adopted by the board;

4 **(B) does not include** Working Group has requested all of (B) to be removed.

5 (i) responsibility for design related to the practice of  
6 architecture, except as otherwise allowed in this chapter, or the practice  
7 of engineering;

8 (ii) changes to the construction classification of a  
9 building or structure as determined by the authority having jurisdiction;

10 (iii) changes of use to an occupancy of greater hazard as  
11 determined by the authority having jurisdiction;

12 (iv) changes to the exterior envelope of a building;

13 (v) altering or affecting the structural system of a  
14 building, including changing the live or dead load of a building;

15 (vi) changes beyond the exit access component  
16 of a system of egress;

17 (vii) changes to construction that materially affects a  
18 life safety system pertaining to fire safety or the fire protection of  
19 structural elements of a building, or material alterations to a smoke  
20 evacuation and compartmentalization system or to a fire rated vertical  
21 shaft in a multistory structure;

22 (viii) materially altering or affecting a mechanical,  
23 plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilation, electrical, vertical  
24 transportation, fire sprinkler, or fire alarm system in a building;

25 (25) "registered interior designer" means a person who has been  
26 registered by the board in the practice of registered interior design.

27 \* **Sec. 30.** AS 23.30.017(c)(1) is amended to read:

28 (1) "design professional" means a person registered under AS 08.48 as  
29 an architect, engineer, [OR] land surveyor, **registered interior designer, or**  
30 **landscape architect;**

31 \* **Sec. 31.** AS 34.35.050 is amended to read:

1           **Sec. 34.35.050. Lien for labor or materials furnished.** A person has a lien,  
2 only to the extent provided under this chapter, to secure the payment of the contract  
3 price if the person

4                   (1) performs labor on [UPON] real property at the request of the owner  
5 or the agent of the owner for the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or  
6 improvement;

7                   (2) is a trustee of an employee benefit trust for the benefit of  
8 individuals performing labor on the building or improvement and has a direct contract  
9 with the owner or the agent of the owner for direct payments into the trust;

10                  (3) furnishes materials that are delivered to real property under a  
11 contract with the owner or the agent of the owner that are incorporated in the  
12 construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvement;

13                  (4) furnishes equipment that is delivered to and used on [UPON] real  
14 property under a contract with the owner or the agent of the owner for the  
15 construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvement;

16                  (5) performs services under a contract with the owner or the agent of  
17 the owner in connection with the preparation of plans, surveys, or architectural, [OR]  
18 engineering, or registered interior design plans or drawings for the construction,  
19 alteration, or repair of a building or improvement, whether or not actually  
20 implemented on that property; or

21                  (6) is a general contractor.

22 \* **Sec. 32.** AS 35.15.010(c) is amended to read:

23                   (c) In this section, "professional services" means architectural, engineering,  
24 [OR] land surveying, or registered interior design services.

25 \* **Sec. 33.** AS 36.30.270(a) is amended to read:

26                   (a) Notwithstanding conflicting provisions of AS 36.30.100 - 36.30.260, a  
27 procurement officer shall negotiate a contract for an agency with the most qualified  
28 and suitable firm or person of demonstrated competence for architectural, engineering,  
29 [OR] land surveying, or registered interior design services. The procurement officer  
30 shall award a contract for those services at fair and reasonable compensation as  
31 determined by the procurement officer, after consideration of the estimated value of

1 the services to be rendered, and the scope, complexity, and professional nature of the  
2 services. When determining the most qualified and suitable firm or person, the  
3 procurement officer shall consider the

4 (1) proximity to the project site of the office of the firm or person  
5 unless federal law prohibits this factor from being considered in the awarding of the  
6 contract; and

7 (2) employment practices of the firm or person with regard to women  
8 and minorities.

9 \* **Sec. 34.** AS 36.30.270(d) is amended to read:

10 (d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a procurement officer  
11 may include price as an added factor in selecting architectural, engineering, [AND]  
12 land surveying, **and registered interior design** services when, in the judgment of the  
13 procurement officer, the services required are repetitious in nature, and the scope,  
14 nature, and amount of services required are thoroughly defined by measurable and  
15 objective standards to reasonably enable firms or persons making proposals to  
16 compete with a clear understanding and interpretation of the services required. In  
17 order to include price as a factor in selection, a majority of the persons involved by the  
18 procurement officer in evaluation of the proposals must be registered in the state to  
19 perform architectural, engineering, [OR] land surveying, **or registered interior**  
20 **design** services.

21 \* **Sec. 35.** AS 36.90.100 is amended to read:

22 **Sec. 36.90.100. Contracts for architectural, engineering, land surveying,**  
23 **registered interior design, or landscape architectural services.** The state or a  
24 municipality may not award a contract for architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
25 **registered interior design,** or landscape architectural services to

26 (1) an individual who is not registered under AS 08.48 to perform the  
27 architectural, engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design,** or landscape  
28 architectural services required by the contract;

29 (2) a partnership, except as provided by (3) of this section, that is not  
30 qualified under AS 08.48.251 to provide the architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
31 **registered interior design,** or landscape architectural services required by the

1 contract; or

2 (3) a corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
3 partnership that is not authorized under AS 08.48.241 to offer the architectural,  
4 engineering, land surveying, **registered interior design**, or landscape architectural  
5 services required by the contract.

6 \* **Sec. 36.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
7 read:

8 **TRANSITION:** CURRENT INTERIOR DESIGNERS. Notwithstanding this Act, a  
9 person working as an interior designer before the effective date of secs. 2 - 35 of this Act may  
10 continue to practice interior design in the state without registration or authorization as a  
11 registered interior designer under AS 08.48 **until July 1, 2025.** Does this effectively allow  
12 unlicensed practice for 2 years?

13 \* **Sec. 37.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
14 read:

15 **TRANSITION: BOARD APPOINTMENT.** An interior designer appointed to the  
16 State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors under  
17 AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, must be certified by the Council for  
18 Interior Design Qualification and have resided in the state for at least three years immediately  
19 preceding appointment. On and after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act, an interior  
20 designer appointed to the board under AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, may  
21 continue to occupy the seat on the board reserved for the registered interior designer until a  
22 registered interior designer is appointed to the seat. An interior designer appointed to the  
23 board under AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, is eligible for reappointment  
24 to the board upon the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act if the interior designer meets the  
25 requirements of AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act.

26 \* **Sec. 38.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
27 read:

28 **TRANSITION: REGULATIONS.** The State Board of Registration for Architects,  
29 Engineers, and Land Surveyors may adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. The  
30 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the  
31 effective date of the law implemented by the regulation.

\* **Sec. 39.** Sections 1, 36, and 37 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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\* **Sec. 40.** Except as provided in sec. 39 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2023.

To: Catherine C. Morrison, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP BD+C

FY23 NCARB Credentials Committee Chair

From: **Sara Neal**

BOARD CHAIR/EXECUTIVE

BOARD NAME

Date:

RE: Letter of Credentials

Dear Chairperson Morrison,

The **Alaska Board of Registration for AELS** [BOARD NAME] is pleased to submit the following names for official delegate and alternate official delegate for the 2023 NCARB Annual Business Meeting. Both individuals are duly appointed members of the board.

Official Delegate: **Catherine Fritz** [BOARD MEMBER FULL NAME]

Position on Board:

Term Expiration Date: **3/1/2024**

Email: Phone Number: **907-957-2068**

Alternate: [BOARD MEMBER FULL NAME]

Position on Board: **Architect**

Term Expiration Date:

Email: **rrozier@bettisworthnorth.com** Phone Number:

The board acknowledges that the official delegate is authorized to cast a vote on its behalf during the Annual Business Meeting. Furthermore, the board understands that in order to replace its official delegate and alternate, a new letter of credentials must be issued and returned to the Credentials Committee Chair prior to April 28, 2023.

The undersigned has been duly authorized by the vote of the board to execute and deliver this document to NCARB on its behalf.

Signature

**Sara Neal, Executive Administrator**

Type or Print Name & Title