

SUBJECT: Procuring professional interior design services for government entities

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 13 ayes — Phelan, Hernandez, Deshotel, Guerra, Harless, Holland, Hunter, P. King, Parker, Raymond, E. Rodriguez, Smithee, Springer

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WITNESSES: For — Donna Vining, Texas Association for Interior Design; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Paul LaBrant, STG Design, Inc.; Jay Brown and Marilyn Roberts, Texas Association for Interior Design; Francisco Badillo; Chad Perry; Cody Powell)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Government Code sec. 2254.002 lists the professional services and licensed professionals from whom, within their scope of practice, a government entity may procure professional services. Services code include architecture and landscape architecture, and listed licensed professionals include architects and landscape architects.

Interested parties have suggested that licensed interior designers should be added to the list of licensed professionals from whom the government is authorized to procure services.

DIGEST: HB 2868 would add interior design to the list of professional services and interior designer to the list of licensed professionals from which a government entity could procure services.

The bill would apply only to contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2019.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.