

Date of Hearing: May 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 2772 (Committee on Business and Professions) – As Introduced February 23, 2026

Policy Committee: Business and Professions

Vote: 18 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill provides that protection of the public is the highest priority for the California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) in exercising its certification and disciplinary authority, and any other functions.

Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Provides that protection of the public is the highest priority for CCIDC in exercising its certification and disciplinary authority, and any other functions, and whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public is paramount.
- 2) Declares it is the intent of the Legislature to evaluate CCIDC through the joint legislative sunset review oversight process and to subsequently effectuate any recommendations produced through that process.

FISCAL EFFECT:

No state costs. Per its enabling statute, the CCIDC was formed as a non-profit entity with oversight authority over the certification process. CCIDC receives no state funding.

Per the committee's custom and practice, the committee moves sunset extension bills to the suspense file.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose.** This bill is intended as the sunset review vehicle for the California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) to effectuate recommendations produced through the joint legislative sunset review oversight process, though in its current form, the bill addresses another matter.
- 2) **Background. CCIDC.** Existing law establishes a certification program and title protection for certified interior designers (CIDs) and specifies the education and examination requirements for certification. The enabling legislation required the formation of a non-profit entity as an oversight authority. Accordingly, CCIDC was established as a nonprofit public benefit corporation with oversight authority over the certification process. CCIDC is not a state agency nor does it receive state funding.

An interior designer may voluntarily become certified and obtain a “stamp” from CCIDC by demonstrating competency through education, experience and examination. Existing law allows only certified individuals to use the term “certified interior designer” or any other language that implies certification by CCIDC. Existing law further authorizes CCIDC to issue a commercial designation to CIDs who have passed additional interior design courses and examinations. In December 2025, there were approximately 1,722 CIDs in California.

Although not a state board, CCIDC is subject to the Legislature’s sunset review process. CCIDC’s current authority expires January 1, 2027. This bill is the sunset review vehicle for CCIDC although the bill does not yet address the issues discussed during CCIDC’s sunset review. Discussions concerning the interior design profession generally and CCIDC’s role as a quasi-public entity specifically are ongoing and include the possible transition to an interior design license issued and overseen by the California Architecture Board, as proposed by AB 1796 (Jackson), which is pending in this committee.

This bill is one of several sunset extension bills being considered as part of this year’s Legislative sunset review process of professional boards and bureaus under the Department of Consumer Affairs as well as the Department of Real Estate and three nongovernmental nonprofit councils, of which CCIDC is one. The CCIDC most recently received a four-year sunset extension, to January 1, 2026, in SB 1437 (Roth), Chapter 311, Statutes of 2022. Subsequent legislation extended the sunset date by one more year, to January 1, 2027, because of delays in the sunset review process due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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