

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1909
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties are concerned that registered interior designers are not entitled to a mechanic's lien on real property and the parties note that architects, engineers, and surveyors are currently entitled to such liens. C.S.H.B. 1909 seeks to address these concerns by entitling registered interior designers to a mechanic's lien on applicable real property.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1909 amends the Property Code to extend the entitlement to a mechanic's lien on real property to a registered interior designer who prepares a design under or by virtue of a written contract with the owner or the owner's agent, trustee, or receiver in connection with the actual or proposed design, construction, or repair of improvements on real property or the location of the boundaries of real property.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 1909 differs from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways by conforming to certain bill drafting conventions.