

To: House Committee on Business and Labor  
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Pretraining To: HB 2698

Even though I am only 17, I have witnessed the damages caused by a lack of consumer repair advocacy on countless occasions - forcing friends, family members, and classmates to discard devices that would otherwise be easily repairable due to serialization, lack of parts, and little to no available tools.

To many, right to repair may seem like a non issue - something that has little relevance in comparison to some of today's modern issues. However, this could not be further from the truth. Right to repair is a critical step in not only reducing electronic waste, but also relating to consumer advocacy. Currently, large corporations have a monopoly on devices, and for the most part provide the bare minimum in terms of support and repair options - and after a couple years, support will be dropped altogether with no solutions other than being forced to buy a new device.

It is necessary that manufacturers start supplying repair tools, parts, and documentation on their products. To relate this to the automotive industry, not being able to replace say, a phone battery, is comparable to buying a car that requires service at the dealership to replace something as trivial as engine oil. This is how inadmissible the current state of electronic repair has become.

I urge you to pass HB 2698 and ensure a cleaner and brighter future for not only Oregon, but the United States as a whole.

Thank you.