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Having reviewed the testimony of Apple and others I found their objections to be rather immaterial and irrelevant, To be honest, I worry somewhat about restricting the ability of non OEM manufacturers to create upgraded versions of biometric parts for their devices, although, I think, the state should do more to help Apple crack down on those which bypass the need to authorize.

But overall I would like to bring the committees' attention to the ongoing reality of the IT industry at large which is to state that Apple overplays the concern about non OEM parts, I would like to point out that what I'm about to testify on is just an example, and that there are countless similiar examples in the tech space..

You will find, with just about any device, there is a thriving underground community of people like DankPods on YouTube who like to modify their devices and upgrade them with Non OEM parts and I guess I am concerned that if the parts pairing parts is removed that it would constrain this underground.

I would like to call the committees' attention to a modification for the iPod, but I would like them to note as well that this is just a type of example, and that there are countless similar examples.

How to save an iPod from the landfill, well there's a new Device out on the market that can modify iPod classics called the iFlash which you can view here at this URL <https://www.iflash.xyz/>

These are in Apple's terms "Non OEM" upgrades, that offer a superior experience to Apple's OEM parts.

They add MicroSD card functionality, removable storage, that's cheap and affordable to older iPods, now, I don't know anything like this in the iPhone world, but I would strongly urge the committee and indeed even the Wider Oregon Senate and house to realize that OEM parts are not necessarily the best parts on the market, and that after market modifications can often upgrade a device with Non OEM parts.

So Apple's Panic mongering, is noted, but seems to me a bit overblown, and I would like to point out, that a Non OEM manufacture might create a BETTER biometric sensor than Apple's OEM, but yes, more needs to be done, to keep those which allow bypassing authorization off the market, perhaps the state government can do more to assist in that endeavor. as it seems some get caught but enoguh get

through.

Anyways, I strongly support the bill, and do not want the portions banning parts pairing removed. Thanks for your time and consideration.