

SB 550 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Carrier: Sen. Sollman

Action Date: 02/10/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Golden, Pham, Robinson, Smith DB, Sollman

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires an original manufacturer of electric wheelchairs and complex rehabilitation technology to make available, to an owner or independent repair provider, on fair and reasonable terms any documentation, tool, part, or other device used to diagnose, maintain, repair, or update certain electronic devices if it is made available to an authorized service provider.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Availability of insurance coverage for preventative maintenance
- Process and time required to receive approval for repair
- Availability of repair facilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the National Conference on State Legislatures, "right to repair" legislation is directed at the ability of a consumer to repair their own product instead of having to go back to the original manufacturer for service. As of January 2025, seven states had enacted some form of right to repair legislation. In 2024, the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1596, which required a manufacturer to make available, to an owner or independent repair provider, on fair and reasonable terms any documentation, tool, part, or other device used to diagnose, maintain, repair, or update certain electronic devices if it is made available to an authorized service provider. Senate Bill 550 would expand the requirement to include electric wheelchairs and complex rehabilitation technology.