

Please support this bill. We should not allow manufacturers to monopolize repair by requiring fix-its from the manufacturer only or to manufacture products with a short life span. This creates an unfairly high cost of repair to the consumer. It also deliberately encourages consumers to discard their appliance, phone, etc. and purchase a new one. This creates a tremendous amount of waste in our landfills that are filling up and it is difficult to find sites for new landfills that don't involve a loss of public lands that have other environmental and social values. There is also a high lifecycle cost of mining to extract minerals and energy cost of production. We need to work towards eliminating unnecessary waste. This bill is a step in that direction.

On a different but related issue, in the future I encourage legislators to move towards a drastic reduction in plastics that cannot be realistically recycled, fill landfills, require greenhouse gas emissions to produce, and are polluting land and water; the latter impact aquatic species and ecosystems, including the oceans.