

Good day Chairman and members of the Committee.

I am a proud Oregonian who has been lucky enough to enjoy the wonderful technologies we are able to have here in Oregon but have lost many devices over the years do to them failing or having a defect that could have been repaired or corrected if the documentations or resources were available.

An example of this was when attending higher education at Mount Hood Community College, where a friend of mine had a laptop that failed because of a faulty video connector inside the system. He took it to a local store to have it repaired and they sold him a new system board for it at a cost of \$450 when if a person had the document it could have been repaired for less then \$1.00 in parts and only a few minutes of time.

Another example that this bill would be helpful in my circle would be as in the last year of hardships, a few people and myself have been helping repair systems for local persons who do not have the resources to purchase new hardware as they have lost jobs. With this bill being passed, we would be able to get resources to allow us and many others to repair these devices with much lower waste from them.

Please also note that companies not releasing the information is a new development that is, in some capacity, generate more profit only for their shareholders and a market place of Discard and Replace over Repair and Pass-down. Not even 40 years ago, when you would purchase a high quality electronic device (eg. A Pioneer stereo receiver) included a repair and test point schematic in the manual or included inside the device's housing. This did not make the device more dangerous but allowed the investment to be preserved and used far beyond the warranty period.

As a closing thought to leave you with. Please note that most testimonies that are against this bill are form parties representing the manufacturers of these devices and are not Oregonians or even representing Oregon based companies. Yet almost every Oregonian who has submitted testimonies online are in support of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.