



THE BUREAU OF  
**PLANNING &  
SUSTAINABILITY**

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Senator Janeen Sollman, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Sollman and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland strongly supports SB 542 to support the right to repair consumer electronics and appliances. SB 542 removes barriers in access to repair manuals, parts, and tools.

The City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) has identified reuse and repair as key components to our community's environmental and social concerns. BPS actively promotes repair and reuse through a program called [Resourceful PDX](#) and support for a nonprofit called [Repair PDX](#). Portland is home to 30 small businesses that repair consumer electronics and appliances.

This bill promotes more affordable and sustainable electronics and appliance ownership; skill-building, job creation and small business opportunities; and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and toxic pollution. It also aligns closely with the values and goals in our statewide Vision for Materials Management.

We urge your support for SB 542 to provide all Oregonians with new resources to tackle pressing issues of environmental justice and waste prevention.

Thank you,

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