



THE BUREAU OF
**PLANNING &
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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 1596 relating to a right to repair consumer electronics and appliances. SB 1596 builds on SB 542 from the 2023 session.

The City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability promotes repair and reuse through programming – [Resourceful PDX](#), nonprofit support – [Repair PDX](#), and Portland is home to 30 small businesses and nonprofits that repair consumer electronics and appliances.

SB1596, Right to Repair, gives consumers and small businesses/non-profits access repair manuals, tools to repair (computers, tablets, cell phones, and appliances), improves privacy protections and increases interchangeable part capability. Through affordable access, SB 1596 expands opportunities to narrow the digital divide and improve access to information and technology for all Oregonians. In addition, SB 1596 promotes skill-building, job creation, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and toxic pollution.

SB 1596 is a win for Oregonians on many levels, which is why we urge your support.

Thank you,

Carmen Rubio, Commissioner
City of Portland



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