



February 8, 2024

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

**Re: SB 1596 Right to Repair Legislation – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley & Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Recology, I am writing in support of SB 1596, to require manufacturers to make service documentation, parts, and tools for those products available so they can be repaired at home or by third party businesses.

Recology is a 100% employee-owned company that manages recycling, organic waste, and solid waste collection, processing, and disposal services for urban, suburban, and rural communities in Oregon and along the west coast. Aligning with our motto, Recology supports policy measures that encourage reuse and reduce waste. We believe that giving consumers the opportunity to fix their own products, thus making them last longer, will help ease the growing problem of e-waste in landfills.

Right now, consumers are often encouraged to dispose of their devices when something goes wrong, rather than fix them. Making it easier to repair these electronic devices will allow for longer product lifespans before they eventually do make their way into the landfill, lessening their overall impact on the environment. We consistently see electronics coming through the transfers stations we operate. With the passage of this bill, many of those devices could be fixed instead of being disposed, diverting them from the waste stream and providing new life to a device, for availability at a likely more accessible price point.

We look to find the highest and best use of all the material coming through our transfer stations. E-waste is a growing share of the products we see being put in the curbside trash and recycling containers. it is critical that we begin to move away from a disposable society and start arming consumers with the tools and literature necessary to fix their own products. We hope you will pass SB 1596, to provide new opportunities to increase the availability of refurbished devices on a secondary market and keep products that can be useful again out of the trash.

Sincerely,

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