

## **SB 550 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires an original manufacturer of electric wheelchairs and complex rehabilitation technology to make available, to an owner or independent repair provider, on fair and reasonable terms any documentation, tool, part, or other device used to diagnose, maintain, repair, or update certain electronic devices if it is made available to an authorized service provider.

Fiscal impact: Minimal Impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 27; Nays, 1

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Medical prescription for equipment
- Safety concerns
- Risk for consumers if not repaired properly
- Consumer responsibility
- Similar legislation in other states
- Delays in the repair process
- Programming equipment

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-3 The amendment specifies that complex rehabilitation technology has had a health care professional configure the equipment in question. The amendment changes the meaning of "consumer equipment" to mean a wheelchair, other than parts or components for which an owner or independent repair provider must consult a medical provider, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or assistive technology professional before making repairs, replacements or adjustments or specific parts and components listed in the amendment to the extent work does not require an owner or independent repair provider to consult a medical provider, physical therapist, occupational therapist or assistive technology professional. The amendment clarifies that the original equipment manufacturer would not be liable for indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages, or a reduction or elimination of functionality for actions of the independent repair provider.

Fiscal impact: Minimal Impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

#### **BACKGROUND:**

According to the National Conference on State Legislatures, "right to repair" legislation is directed at the ability of a consumer to repair their own product instead of having to go back to the original manufacturer for service. As of January 2025, seven states had enacted some form of right to repair legislation. In 2024, the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1596, which required a manufacturer to make available, to an owner or independent repair provider, on fair and reasonable terms any documentation, tool, part, or other device used to diagnose, maintain, repair, or update certain electronic devices if it is made available to an authorized service provider.

Senate Bill 550 would expand the requirement to include electric wheelchairs and complex rehabilitation technology.

PRELIMINARY