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Lowering Costs, Protecting Consumers with Right to Repair

Senate Bill 1596 gives consumers the ability to repair their own electronic devices

SALEM, Ore. — Today, <u>Senate Bill 1596</u>, Oregon's Right to Repair legislation, passed the Oregon Senate with bipartisan support.

SB 1596 makes repairing electronic devices more fair and affordable in Oregon. It requires original equipment manufacturers to provide repair tools and information to owners and independent repair providers so consumers have more choices when it comes to fixing their electronic devices.

"This is a win for consumers and for the environment. Oregonians deserve to have affordable and sustainable options for repairing their electronics instead of throwing them away or replacing them," said **Senator Janeen Sollman (D - Hillsboro**), co-chief sponsor of SB 1596. "This legislation will help close the technological divide and level the playing field for consumers."

"I fundamentally believe that consumers should have the right to choose how to repair their own property," said **Senator Kim Thatcher (R - Keizer)**, who also sponsored SB 1596.

Both Senate <u>Democrats</u> and <u>Republicans</u> agree that lowering costs for hardworking Oregonians is a key priority for the 2024 session. The package now goes to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.