



Oppose The Digital Fair Repair Act

Business Opposes this bill for the following reasons:

The Digital Fair Repair Act is a piece of legislation on the issue known as “right to repair.” Broadly speaking, proponents of the “right to repair” want independent repair providers and owners of equipment/technology, whatever it may be, to be given access to diagnostic and repair information in the same manner as authorized repair providers. This also includes access to equipment parts and software created by the original manufacturer.

Manufacturers of equipment and technology, no matter the sector, have many causes for concern with the Digital Fair Repair Act.

- Third-party repair providers lack accountability for quality standards when performing modifications on equipment and devices. When an item is “repaired” by a nonauthorized provider there is no guarantee the equipment will function as intended by the original manufacturer. This may lead to the deterioration of the reputation of the product and original manufacturer.
- The resale process of equipment will become unreliable as buyers will be unaware of the quality or number of repairs/modifications performed by a third-party provider or equipment owner.
- Access to software, manuals, schematics and other documentation could lead to the violation of intellectual property rights and unlawful copying of proprietary technology.
- HB 3061 provides no limitation on who may obtain access to repair documentation. Legitimate security concerns are present when bad actors or entities are provided documentation normally reserved for use only by authorized repair providers.
- Right to repair is bad for the environment. The diagnostic information would allow users to override important environmental controls with large equipment leading to unacceptable levels of pollution.
- Right to repair is bad for public health. HB 3061 has no exemption for medical devices which could lead to third-party manipulation of equipment necessary for medical procedures without quality assurance of authorized repair providers.

- <https://www.wsj.com/articles/right-to-repair-is-bad-for-your-health-11619986159>