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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE AND RECOMMEND LAWS AND  
REGULATIONS TO PROTECT INDEPENDENT REPAIR OPTIONS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's geographic isolation increases the  
2 importance of resilience and self-reliance in both law and life;  
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5           WHEREAS, repairing consumer goods is in the public interest  
6 as it saves money for residents and reduces waste; and

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8           WHEREAS, manufacturers of goods have an incentive to  
9 prevent independent repair and instead promote their own repair  
10 service or the replacement of the goods; and

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12           WHEREAS, the rise of digital electronic equipment has  
13 created new opportunities to discourage, block, or lock out  
14 independent repair of digital electronic equipment and goods;  
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17           WHEREAS, being able to repair goods locally increases the  
18 resilience of our local economy; and

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20           WHEREAS, the geographic isolation of Hawaii presents  
21 additional challenges such as shipping costs and time for  
22 consumers to have goods repaired by manufacturers of the goods  
23 out-of-state rather than by local independent repair  
24 professionals; and

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26           WHEREAS, consumer choice in the repair market is being  
27 restricted by manufacturers that no longer sell spare parts, and  
28 that deny access to service information such as schematics and  
29 to diagnostic software and firmware updates; and  
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1 WHEREAS, consumer choice is a cornerstone of our society,  
2 including when choosing how to repair one's goods, and should be  
3 available at the greatest extent reasonably possible; now,  
4 therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
8 2020, the Senate concurring, that a right-to-repair task force  
9 be convened to examine and recommend laws for reasonable  
10 protections of consumer choice in the repair marketplace for  
11 digital electronic equipment; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, additionally, the right-to-  
14 repair task force is requested to determine the feasibility of  
15 requiring each manufacturer of digital electronic products to  
16 make the following items available to independent repair  
17 facilities or owners of products on fair and reasonable terms  
18 and in the same manner that the manufacturer makes the items  
19 available to its authorized repair providers and other similar  
20 subjects:  
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- 22 (1) Manufacturer parts and tools;
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- 24 (2) Diagnostic and repair information;
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- 26 (3) Diagnostic software;
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- 28 (4) Updates to firmware; and
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- 30 (5) Related documentation; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right-to-repair task force  
33 is further requested not to examine and recommend laws relating  
34 to motor vehicle repair; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right-to-repair task force  
37 comprise the following members or their designees:  
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- 39 (1) A member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the  
40 President of the Senate and serve as co-chair of the  
41 task force;  
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1 (2) A member of the House of Representatives who shall be  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives and serve as co-chair of the task  
4 force; and

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6 (3) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the task force  
9 shall invite the following representatives to serve as task  
10 force members:

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12 (1) Four members each of whom own an independent, Hawaii-  
13 based, repair business;

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15 (2) One member representing a manufacturer of gaming or  
16 computer devices;

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18 (3) One member representing a manufacturer of a diverse  
19 range of digital electronic equipment; and

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21 (4) One member representing a manufacturer of lawn and  
22 garden care equipment; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the right-to-  
25 repair task force may invite other interested parties to join  
26 the task force; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the right-to-repair  
29 task force shall serve without compensation; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right-to-repair task force  
32 is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
33 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
34 Legislature no later than December 1, 2020; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and  
38 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.  
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OFFERED BY:



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