
HOUSE 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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31 WHEREAS, consumer choice is a cornerstone of our society,
32 including when choosing how to repair one's goods, and should be



1 available at the greatest extent reasonably possible; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
6 2020, that a right-to-repair task force be convened to examine
7 and recommend laws for reasonable protections of consumer choice
8 in the repair marketplace for digital electronic equipment; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, additionally, the right-to-
11 repair task force is requested to determine the feasibility of
12 requiring each manufacturer of digital electronic products to
13 make the following items available to independent repair
14 facilities or owners of products on fair and reasonable terms
15 and in the same manner that the manufacturer makes the items
16 available to its authorized repair providers and other similar
17 subjects:

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- 19 (1) Manufacturer parts and tools;
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- 21 (2) Diagnostic and repair information;
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- 23 (3) Diagnostic software;
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- 25 (4) Updates to firmware; and
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- 27 (5) Related documentation; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right-to-repair task force
30 is further requested not to examine and recommend laws relating
31 to motor vehicle repair; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right-to-repair task force
34 comprise the following members or their designees:

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- 36 (1) A member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the
37 President of the Senate and serve as co-chair of the
38 task force;
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- 40 (2) A member of the House of Representatives who shall be
41 appointed by the Speaker of the House of



1 Representatives and serve as co-chair of the task
2 force; and

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4 (3) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the task force
7 shall invite the following representatives to serve as task
8 force members:

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

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13 (2) One member representing a manufacturer of gaming or
14 computer devices;

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

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19 (4) One member representing a manufacturer of lawn and
20 garden care equipment; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the right-to-
23 repair task force may invite other interested parties to join
24 the task force; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the right-to-repair
27 task force shall serve without compensation; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right-to-repair task force
30 is requested to submit a report of its findings and
31 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
32 Legislature no later than December 1, 2020; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of
36 Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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OFFERED BY: 

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