STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation provides for the fair repair of electronic equipment. It requires manufacturers to make available parts, service literature, diagnostic equipment, and proprietary tools to consumers and independent repair facilities. Electronic equipment ranges from smartphones to farm equipment where a microprocessor is part of the product. The legislative intent is to maintain freedom of commerce by preventing manufacturers of electronic equipment from controlling repair, so the only choice for the consumer is the manufacturer's owned or controlled facility.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no projected increase or decrease in existing or future appropriations or increases or decreases in revenues by the state or units of local government because the provisions of this bill will largely be enforced through private litigation. To the extent that the Attorney General's office experiences any additional workload dealing with consumers, that would be absorbed within existing budgets.



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