

Oregon Right to Repair Law (SB 1596)

Overview

Oregon enacted one of the nation's strongest Right to Repair laws through **Senate Bill 1596 (SB 1596)**. The law requires manufacturers of consumer electronic equipment to provide owners and independent repair businesses access to the same repair materials, tools, parts, and documentation available to authorized repair providers on fair and reasonable terms. The legislation was signed into law on **March 27, 2024**, and became effective **January 1, 2025**. ([Oregon Legislative Information System](#))

Purpose

The Oregon Legislature found that repairing and reusing electronics:

- Reduces waste sent to landfills.
- Lowers greenhouse gas emissions.
- Conserves raw materials and natural resources.
- Helps consumers save money.
- Improves access to technology for rural and low-income communities. ([Oregon Legislative Information System](#))

Key Requirements

Under SB 1596, manufacturers must provide:

- Repair documentation and manuals.
- Diagnostic software and tools.
- Replacement parts.
- Other equipment needed to diagnose, maintain, and repair devices.

These resources must be made available to:

- Product owners.
- Independent repair providers.

The access provided must be on "fair and reasonable terms" comparable to those offered to authorized repair providers. ([Oregon Legislative Information System](#))

Anti–Parts Pairing Provision

A unique feature of Oregon's law is its restriction on "parts pairing."

For consumer electronics first manufactured and sold in Oregon after January 1, 2025, manufacturers may not use software restrictions to:

- Prevent installation of functional replacement parts.
- Reduce device performance after a repair.
- Display misleading warnings about replacement parts that consumers cannot dismiss. ([LegiScan](#))

This provision is considered one of the strongest consumer protections among U.S. Right to Repair laws. ([Oregon Legislature](#))

Enforcement

The Oregon Attorney General may investigate complaints alleging violations of the law. Manufacturers that violate the Act may be subject to civil penalties of up to **\$1,000 per day per violation**. ([Oregon Legislative Information System](#))

Environmental Significance

Right to Repair legislation supports environmental goals by:

- Extending product life.
- Reducing electronic waste (e-waste).
- Lowering demand for extraction of raw materials.
- Reducing manufacturing-related emissions.
- Supporting Oregon's broader sustainability and waste reduction goals. ([Oregon Legislative Information System](#))

For organizations focused on waste diversion, circular economy practices, composting, sustainability, and climate action, the law aligns with principles of resource conservation and waste prevention. ([Oregon Legislative Information System](#))

Oregon Statutes

The law is codified within Oregon statutes addressing consumer equipment repair:

- ORS 646A.850 – Definitions
- ORS 646A.853 – Consumer repair notices
- ORS 646A.856 – Manufacturer obligations
- ORS 646A.859 – Attorney General enforcement ([Oregon Legislature](#))

References

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3. Oregon Legislature Press Release: "Lowering Costs, Protecting Consumers with Right to Repair." ([Oregon Legislature](#))
4. Oregon Legislature Press Release: "Legislature Passes Oregon's Right to Repair Act." ([Oregon Legislature](#))
5. Oregon Department of Justice Testimony Supporting SB 1596. ([Oregon Legislative Information System](#))
6. Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 646A. ([Oregon Legislature](#))

Official Resources

- [Oregon Legislative Information System – SB 1596 Overview](#)
- [Enrolled Senate Bill 1596 \(Official Text\)](#)
- [Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 646A](#)
- [Oregon Department of Justice](#)

This law can be cited as **Oregon Senate Bill 1596 (2024), Chapter 69, Oregon Laws 2024, effective January 1, 2025.** ([Your Government :: The Oregonian](#))