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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1005

101 **CONCERNING REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**
102 **FACILITATE THE USE OF REPAIRABILITY SCORES THAT INDICATE**
103 **TO CONSUMERS THE REPAIRABILITY OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

1 WHEREAS, According to the e-waste monitors of the United
2 Nations Institute for Training and Research, more than fifty-nine million
3 tons of used electronic devices, equal to the weight of one hundred
4 sixty-one Empire State Buildings, are disposed of each year worldwide;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The federal Environmental Protection Agency reports
7 that electronic waste is now the fastest-growing part of the municipal
8 waste stream in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Colorado consumers do not have easy access to

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SENATE
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HOUSE
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1 trusted information concerning the repairability and longevity of
2 electronic devices and are unable to consult such information before
3 purchasing or seeking repair of electronic devices; and

4 WHEREAS, The commissioners of the Federal Trade Commission
5 voted unanimously in July 2021 to "closely coordinate with state law
6 enforcement and policymakers to update existing law and regulation to
7 advance the goal of open repair markets"; and

8 WHEREAS, A study cited in the Commission's May 2021 "Nixing
9 the Fix" report states that "[t]he lack of information concerning durable
10 and repairable products causes an asymmetry in the market balance and
11 leaves consumers unable to make the best buying decisions regarding to
12 their own needs"; and

13 WHEREAS, Open repair markets allow manufacturers to
14 voluntarily assign repair scores for electronic devices such as laptops,
15 phones, and appliances for the purpose of advising consumers regarding
16 the repairability of such devices; and

17 WHEREAS, Repair scores function similarly to EnergyGuide
18 labels by providing consumers a one-to-ten score that reflects the
19 availability of spare parts, ease of disassembly, and longevity of support
20 that is associated with an electronic device, thereby informing consumers
21 who seek to repair rather than replace such products; and

22 WHEREAS, Repairability scores are a critical tool for consumers
23 whose budgets are squeezed by rising prices. According to the Public
24 Interest Research Group, an average American family spends about one
25 thousand seven hundred dollars on new electronics per year, and an open
26 repair market for electronic devices could save American families a
27 combined forty-nine billion dollars annually by empowering them to
28 repair rather than replace such devices; and

29 WHEREAS, Samsung's research on existing repair scores in
30 France showed that eighty-six percent of surveyed French consumers said
31 that repair scores affect their purchasing behavior, and eighty percent
32 indicated they would give up their favorite electronic device for a more
33 repairable electronic device; now, therefore,

34 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
35 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*

1 *concurring herein:*

2 (1) That, in order to promote consumer choice, the General
3 Assembly requests:

4 (a) That the Federal Trade Commission establish criteria that
5 manufacturers of electronic devices may use to voluntarily assign
6 repairability scores to such devices, which scores range from one to ten
7 and may be displayed to consumers at point of sale;

8 (b) That the Commission periodically update such criteria; and

9 (c) That the Commission, in establishing and updating the criteria,
10 include consideration of:

11 (I) The free and public availability of technical documents
12 regarding an electronic device;

13 (II) The ease of disassembly of an electronic device;

14 (III) The availability of spare parts for an electronic device;

15 (IV) The price of spare parts for an electronic device;

16 (V) The length of time that a manufacturer offers software support
17 for an electronic device; and

18 (VI) Other criteria specific to certain categories of electronic
19 devices.

20 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
21 to President Joe Biden; Vice President Kamala Harris; Speaker of the
22 House of Representatives Mike Johnson; Senate Majority Leader Chuck
23 Schumer; Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell; House of
24 Representatives Majority Leader Steve Scalise; House of Representatives
25 Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries; Commissioner Lina Khan,
26 Commissioner Rebecca Slaughter, and Commissioner Alvaro Bedoya of
27 the Federal Trade Commission; Governor Jared Polis; and Attorney
28 General Phil Weiser.