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By House Consumer Protection & Business (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Ryu, Fitzgibbon, Berry, Cody, Macri, Peterson, Ramel, Wylie, Bergquist, Valdez, Pollet, Stonier, Ormsby, Harris-Talley, and Kloba)

1 AN ACT Relating to the repair of digital electronic equipment;
2 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington state digital
5 electronic equipment repairability task force is established.

6 (2) The task force is comprised of members as provided in this
7 subsection.

8 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from
9 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

10 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
11 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
12 representatives.

13 (c) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
14 representatives shall jointly appoint one member from each of the
15 following:

16 (i) The department;

17 (ii) The department of ecology;

18 (iii) The office of the attorney general;

19 (iv) An advocacy group focused on sustainability of digital
20 electronic equipment;

1 (v) An organization representing the interests of local
2 technology companies;

3 (vi) A distributor or marketplace platform for digital electronic
4 equipment; and

5 (vii) An original equipment manufacturer.

6 (3) (a) By August 1, 2022, the department shall select and
7 contract with a third-party entity to administer and provide staff
8 support and facilitation services to the task force.

9 (b) The department shall select the entity based on the following
10 criteria:

11 (i) Impartiality regarding policy outcomes;

12 (ii) Qualifications and relevant experience in the subject of
13 digital electronic equipment repairability; and

14 (iii) Ability to provide data analysis, research, drafting, and
15 other services to the task force for the purposes provided in
16 subsections (7) and (8) of this section.

17 (c) The entity may, when deemed necessary by the task force,
18 subcontract with one or more appropriate consultants to provide
19 additional data analysis, research, drafting, and other services to
20 the task force for the purposes provided in subsections (7) and (8)
21 of this section.

22 (4) The entity identified in subsection (3) of this section shall
23 convene the initial meeting of the task force no later than October
24 1, 2022.

25 (5) The membership of the task force shall elect a chair from
26 among its legislative members at the initial meeting of the task
27 force. The election of the chair must be by a majority vote of the
28 task force members who are present at the meeting.

29 (6) A public comment period must be provided at every meeting of
30 the task force.

31 (7) (a) The task force shall research, analyze, and prepare
32 reports on the status and development of local, national, and global
33 repairability standards for digital electronic equipment, and make
34 recommendations regarding the creation, implementation, management,
35 and enforcement of repairability standards for digital electronic
36 equipment in Washington state.

37 (b) Recommendations made by the task force shall include, but are
38 not limited to, recommendations related to the following:

39 (i) The use of specific criteria to objectively measure the
40 repairability of a product;

1 (ii) The use of a numeric scoring system to effectively convey
2 repairability information to consumers;

3 (iii) The use of clear, conspicuous labeling to enable consumers
4 to quickly discern the repairability of a product;

5 (iv) The application of repairability standards to products that
6 are sold online; and

7 (v) Enforcement of repairability standards.

8 (8) (a) The task force shall submit an initial report and
9 recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
10 legislature by July 1, 2023.

11 (b) The task force shall submit an updated report and
12 recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
13 legislature by July 1, 2024.

14 (c) The task force shall submit a final report and
15 recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
16 legislature by July 1, 2025.

17 (9) Legislative members of the task force may be reimbursed for
18 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
19 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
20 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
21 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
22 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

23 (10) For the purposes of this section, the definitions in this
24 subsection apply, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

25 (a) "Department" means the department of commerce.

26 (b) "Digital electronic equipment" means a product that depends,
27 for its functioning, in whole or in part, on digital electronics
28 embedded in or attached to the product.

29 (c) "Original equipment manufacturer" means a company that
30 manufactures or contracts with another company to manufacture digital
31 electronic equipment.

32 (11) This section expires August 1, 2025.

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