

Testimony on H.81 - An Act Relating to the Fair Repair of Agricultural Equipment

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Other states are moving forward

CO

Enacted right-to-repair for powered wheelchairs in 2022

Enacted right-to-repair for personal electronic devices in 2022



Senate passed right-to-repair for agricultural equipment on March 1, 2023

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Legislature gave final approval to agricultural right-to-repair YESTERDAY.

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"I'm talking to my constituents out in rural areas and they're telling me that they're buying third-party illegal software from Russia trying to fix their own machines. That is a problem. It is time that we pass something to help the ag community."

- Rep. Ron Weinberg, R-Loveland, co-sponsor of Colorado agricultural fair repair bill

Points of emphasis

- Ultimately, this is about giving farmers more repair options
- Advancing an agricultural right-to-repair is likely to be environmentally beneficial
- Right-to-repair can enhance repair safety
- Farmers and independent repair technicians do not currently have access to all of the tools and information they need
- The John Deere Memorandum of Understanding does not go far enough



THANK YOU

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL!