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Bill Analysis

SB 869 creates the Digital Fair Repair Act. The measure requires manufacturers of digital electronic equipment to make available to any independent repair provider and owner of digital electronic equipment manufacturer the documentation, parts, and tools required for the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of such digital electronic equipment and parts for the equipment. Such documents shall be made available by the manufacturer or an authorized repair provider. The measure clarifies that it shall not require the manufacturer to divulge trade secrets to an owner or an independent repair provider except as necessary to provide documentation, parts, and tools on fair and reasonable terms. Additionally, the measure shall not alter the terms of service between an authorized repair provider and an original equipment manufacturer nor shall it require the manufacturer to provide additional information or resources other than the documentation outlined in the measure. The provisions of this measure shall not apply to manufacturers of motor vehicles, medical equipment, or off-road equipment such as tractors. No original equipment manufacturer or authorized repair provider shall be liable for any damage or injury caused to any digital electronic equipment by an independent repair provider or owner. All violations of the provisions of this measure shall be deemed an unlawful practice as outlined in the Consumer Protection Act.

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