

Resolution #2: Right to repair large household appliances proposed by: **Cape Breton**

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Federal, Provincial, Territorial and Municipal governments to work together and create “right to repair” legislation, making the repair of large household appliances used in Canada easier, in an effort to reduce waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and create local jobs.

Findings and Discussion:

The bibliography supports the need for Canada to increase the useful life of major household appliances. At present in Canada there is very little recycling and diversion of these appliances from major landfill. They are frequently difficult to repair and often repairs require special software or tools unavailable to the consumer or local repair persons. Some wording in the resolution is weak, for example the use of the word “easier” to define repairs. Regulations in the European Union are much stronger and specific as to the outcomes sought.

Recommendation:

- Recommend an amendment to the resolution.

(Amendment:)

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Federal, Provincial, Territorial and Municipal governments to work together to enact “right to repair” legislation, to **enable and encourage** consumers to repair large household appliances in Canada while deterring planned obsolescence and reducing waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and creating local jobs.

Rationale:

Legislating the right to repair large household appliances is a meaningful step in reducing greenhouse gases associated with manufacturing and recycling, not to mention cost savings for consumers. The amendment is intended to strengthen the resolution with more direct language.

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