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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 219

(Garrett County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

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**Garrett County - Personal Property - Disposition**

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This bill adds public auction and trade-in for new or used equipment as authorized means by which the Garrett County Commissioners may dispose of surplus supplies, equipment, or other personal property.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Garrett County expenditures would decrease minimally due to the disposal of surplus personal property by means of trade-in for new or used equipment.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** County commissioners may sell at public sale any property no longer needed for public use. Property may not be sold until it has been advertised for at least 20 days prior to the date of sale. In Carroll County, the county commissioners may dispose of surplus supplies, equipment, or other personal property valued at less than \$100 by means of public auction, public sale, transfer to a government entity, or transfer to a private nonprofit corporation that is authorized to receive appropriations from the county.

**Background:** Garrett County advises that surplus personal property that would be traded-in rather than sold at public auction or public sale would be heavy equipment such as backhoes and graders.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Garrett County could realize greater benefit from disposing surplus personal property by means of trade-in rather than at public auction or public sale. A decrease in expenditures for heavy equipment would occur if old equipment was traded-in for new or used equipment. Any such decrease in expenditures is not expected to materially affect Garrett County finances.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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