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House Bill 146

(Delegate Beitzel)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Local Government - Garrett County Commissioners - Disposal of Surplus
County Property**

This bill authorizes the Garrett County Commissioners to recycle or dispose of surplus county property in the Garrett County landfill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential decrease in Garrett County revenues generated by its annual surplus property auction, offset by a potentially larger reduction in expenditures related to warehousing surplus property and preparing items for auction.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Garrett County Commissioners are currently authorized to dispose of surplus county property by public auction or public sale, or through a trade in for new or used equipment.

Local Fiscal Effect: Garrett County currently warehouses its surplus property for disposition in the county's annual auction. After a number of years of disposing of electronic equipment via the auction, the county has determined that this means of disposal is not economically feasible. The amount of revenue generated by the auction is not sufficient to offset expenditures related to warehousing the property and preparing it

for auction, and in many instances damaged equipment goes unsold and must be disposed of accordingly. While revenues generated by the auction would decrease, allowing the county to recycle or dispose of its surplus property in the county's landfill could potentially save the county warehousing expenses and administrative costs related to preparing the items for auction. Recycling items would not affect county expenditures since at least one recycler in the area performs this service on-site free of charge.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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