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House Ways and Means Committee

Written Testimony Supporting House Bill 648 Garrett County-Tax Sales-Auctioneer Fees

**Mr. Kevin G. Null, County Administrator
Garrett County
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The Garrett County Board of Commissioners supports House Bill 648 to increase tax sale auctioneer fees from \$8.00 to \$10.00 for each property sold.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, Garrett County has used an on-line auction for our annual tax sale. This format not only allows for more individuals to participate in the sale but has also made our internal processes more efficient. Under current law Garrett County may only collect \$8.00 for each property sold while our cost to sell each property is \$10.00.

We respectfully request that the current law be amended to allow Garrett County to join other counties and collect \$10.00 for each property sold at tax sale.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill on behalf of the Garrett County Commissioners. I encourage this committee to support HB 648.