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HOUSE BILL 1334 - GARRETT COUNTY - BIDS AND CONTRACTS - ADVERTISEMENT EXCEPTIONS

Delegate Penna-Melnyk,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, I wish to express our support for House Bill 1334 - Garrett County - Bids and Contracts - Advertisement Exceptions. This Bill represents a significant step towards improving the efficiency and effectiveness of procurement processes in Garrett County by providing necessary exceptions to the current advertisement requirements for bids.

House Bill 1334 proposes essential changes that will allow Garrett County to enter into contracts for goods or services procured on an as-needed basis over time, as well as contracts for the purchase of vehicles, without the need for advertising for bids, even if the cumulative total exceeds \$50,000. These changes would streamline procurement processes, reduce administrative burdens, and enhance the county's ability to respond promptly to its needs.

House Bill 1334 will provide flexibility for the Garrett County Purchasing Department to manage its procurement processes more effectively, leading to cost savings and improved operational efficiency. This legislation will enable the county to better serve its residents and address its unique challenges in a timely and efficient manner.

Thank you for your support of this legislation.

On Behalf of the Board,

Paul C. Edwards
Chairman

cc: Delegate James Hinebaugh
Delegate Jason Buckel