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SB 448 Carroll County - Public Facilities Bond

Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

Senate Bill 448 is legislation requested by the Carroll County Senators. This bill gives the Carrol County Commissioners the ability to issue up to 27 million in general obligation bonds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or renovation of public buildings, facilities, and public works projects. As it stands, commission counties do not have the legislative authority to create debt, as General Assembly authorization is required before any bonds can be sold. Carroll County is one of six counties in Marland that still operates under the commission form of government.

If passed, the money issued would give the Carroll County Boards of Commissioners the ability to fulfill their Fiscal Year 2027 Bond authorization requests, the list of which is attached to your testimony

Senate Bill 448 was approved unanimously by the Carroll County Senate Delegation and is a cross-file of HB 927. The Carroll County Senate Delegation respectfully requests a favorable vote on Senate Bill 448.