

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

From: MACO <MACO@mtcounties.org>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:23 AM
To: MACO
Subject: HB 330 Federal Surplus Military Program URGENT information needed

Importance: High

Commissioners and Sheriffs,

House Bill 330 would severely limit your ability to use the Federal Surplus Property 1033 Program. The bill has been amended extensively and now would prohibit you from using federal funds to purchase 1033 surplus equipment.

If you do an internet search, you will find hundreds of posts about the militarization of local law enforcement by local governments purchasing surplus military equipment that is "combat ready". While I really doubt any of you plan on purchasing weapons, aircraft or tactical vehicles, I know many of you have used this program to purchase vehicles, loaders, caterpillars, ammunition, cold weather clothing, sand bags, medical supplies, sleeping bags, flashlights, etc.

If you have purchased equipment through this program could you drop me an e-mail telling me what type of equipment, etc you have purchased through this program?

It is being heard in Finance and Claims March 17th so the information is needed today.

Thanks,

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