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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; permitting local governments to donate certain
1.3 surplus equipment to nonprofit organizations; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[471.3459] DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms
1.8 have the meanings given them:

1.9 (1) "local government" means a county, home rule or statutory city, or town;

1.10 (2) "nonprofit organization" means an organization formed under section 501(c)(3)
1.11 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

1.12 (3) "surplus equipment" means cellular phones and emergency medical and fire
1.13 fighting equipment that is no longer needed by the local government because it does not
1.14 meet industry standards for emergency medical services, police, or fire departments or
1.15 has minimal or no resale value.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Donation.** A local government may donate surplus equipment to one or
1.17 more nonprofit organizations. Before the local government makes any donations, it must
1.18 adopt a policy on how it will determine what equipment is surplus eligible for donation
1.19 and how it will determine which nonprofit organizations may receive donations.