



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting

February 10, 2025

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Zoom

Agenda

Invited Participants: Members of the RMC Legislative Committee

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of January 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- III. Legislation
 - a. Staff Rec: Support
 - i. HB842 Consumer Protection - Right to Repair - Farm Equipment
 - ii. SB467/HB530 Maryland Forestry Education Fund – Mandatory Funding – Extension
 - iii. HB969/SB774 Property Tax – Valuation of Operating Property of Rural Broadband Service Providers
 - iv. HB716 Housing and Community Development - Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program Eligibility - Alterations
 - v. HB731/SB635 Wildlife - Protections and Highway Crossings
 - vi. HB894/SB946 Endangered and Threatened Species - Incidental Taking – Bats
 - vii. HB84/SB395 Transportation – Major Highway Capacity Expansion Projects and Impact Assessments (Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2025)
 - viii. HB717 Natural Resources - Public Lands - Acquisition, Staffing, Operations, and Funding
 - b. Staff Rec: Monitor
 - i. SB461 Environment - Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund - Renaming and Alterations
 - ii. SB661/HB81 Real Property - Condemnation - Compensation for Farm and Agricultural Property (Protect Maryland Farmlands Act)
 - iii. SB657/HB1362 Eminent Domain - Just Compensation - Fees and Costs
 - iv. HB20/SB198 Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program – Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2025)
 - v. HB471 Agricultural Land and Programs - Scrutinized Entities
 - vi. HB513 Agriculture - Roosters – Restrictions
 - vii. HB386/SB345 Pesticides - PFAS Chemicals – Prohibitions
 - viii. SB10/HB220 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025)
 - ix. SB317/HB257 Natural Resources - Food Forests and Foraging Program – Establishment
 - x. HB708/SB668 Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children – Eligibility
 - xi. SB666 Maryland Community Action Agencies – Funding
 - xii. HB705 Real Property - Short-Term Rentals
 - xiii. HB997/SB324 Admissions and Amusement Tax - Food and Beverages



- c. Staff Rec: Oppose
 - i. HB846 Transportation Access and Revenue Act
- IV. Events
 - a. Rural Maryland Day, February 13
 - b. Legislative Luncheon, February 26
 - c. Maryland Day, March 25
- V. Next Meeting
 - a. February 24, 2025
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjourn