



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 26, 2026  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Zoom

Agenda

Invited Participants: Members of the RMC Legislative Committee and RMC Staff

- I. Welcome and Introductions Kurt Fuchs, Co-Chair
- II. Review of January 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- III. FY2027 Budget
- IV. Legislation
  - a. SB0300/HB0461 - Economic Development - Rural Readiness Program and Rural Maryland Capacity Building Fund - Establishment
  - b. Staff Rec: Support
    - i. SB0257 - Mel Noland Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund - Reporting
    - ii. SB288 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues Capital Grants - Calculation
    - iii. HB0272 - Food Establishments - Lavatory Requirement and On-Farm Food Service Facility License
    - iv. HB0460 - Solar Energy - Construction of Generating Stations in Priority Preservation Areas and Study
    - v. HB0390/SB0282 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2027)
  - c. Staff Rec: Monitor
    - i. HB0391/SB0283 - Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2026, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025
    - ii. HB0392/SB0284 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026
    - iii. SB0341/HB0345 - Public Utilities – Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits (Affordable Solar Act)
    - iv. SB0344/HB0112 - Property Tax - Agricultural Use Assessment - Community Solar Energy Generating Systems
    - v. HB0447 - Natural Resources - Right to Hunt, Fish, and Harvest Wildlife
    - vi. HB0235/SB0047 - Housing and Community Development - Neighborhood Business Development Program - Local Approval Requirement
    - vii. HB0240 - Local Comprehensive Plans - Guidance Materials and Notification to the Department of Planning
    - viii. HB0245/SB0223 - Maryland Energy Administration - Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program and Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund
    - ix. HB255/SB0164 - Natural Resources - Pamela J. Kelly Tree-Mendous Maryland Program - Alterations
    - x. SB0311 - Education - The Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Revisions
    - xi. SB0325 - Land Use - Permitting - Development Rights (Maryland Housing Certainty Act)



- xii. SB0267 - Land Use - Residential Housing - Oversight, Regulation, and Taxation (Building Affordably in My Back Yard Act)
- xiii. HB0437/SB0059 - Transportation - Major Highway Capacity Expansion Projects and Impact Assessments (Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2026)
- d. Staff Rec: Questionable
  - i. HB0342 - Forestry Licenses - Applicant Qualifications - Alterations
  - ii. HB0382 - Commercial Law - Broadband Access - Low-Income Consumer Programs (Maryland Broadband Opportunity and Fairness Act)
  - iii. HB0429 - On-Farm Organics and Wasted Food Reduction and Diversion Grant Programs - Established
- V. Events
  - a. Legislative Luncheon, January 27
  - b. Rural Maryland Day, February 12
  - c. Maryland Day, March 25
  - d. Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 3
- VI. Next Meeting
  - a. February 9, 2026
- VII. Other
- VIII. Adjourn