



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting
Monday, February 9, 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 26, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- III. Legislation
 - a. SB0300/HB0461 - Economic Development - Rural Readiness Program and Rural Maryland Capacity Building Fund - Establishment
 - b. Staff Rec: Support
 - i. SB0489 - Health Occupations - Physicians Trained in International Medical Schools
 - ii. SB0431/ HB0578 - Fish and Wildlife - Endangered and Threatened Species and Migratory Birds - Regulations, Lists, Petitions, Essential Habitats, and Takings
 - iii. SB0424/HB0609 - State Transfer Tax - Land Preservation Special Fund - Revenue Allocation
 - iv. HB0535 - Food Establishments - Cottage Food Businesses - Maximum Annual Revenue
 - v. HB595/SB0466 - Income Tax - Credit for Physician Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Alterations
 - vi. HB0598/SB0380 - Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians
 - vii. HB0542/ SB0377 - Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children – Eligibility
 - c. Staff Rec: Monitor
 - i. SB0388 - Economic Development - Delivering Economic Competitiveness and Advancing Development Efforts (DECADE) Act
 - ii. HB0547 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Enhanced Agricultural Management Equipment
 - iii. HB0559 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues Capital Grants - Calculation
 - iv. HB0560 - Sales and Use Tax and Property Tax - Exemptions for Data Centers – Repeal
 - v. HB0654 - Natural Resources - Maryland Heritage Areas Authority - Funding and Grants
 - vi. HB0701 - Department of the Environment - Water Resources - Protection of Vernal Pools (Vernal Pool Wetlands Protection Act of 2026)



- vii. SB0479 - Environment - Building Energy Performance Standards and Energy Use Intensity Targets – Exemptions
 - d. Staff Rec: Questionable
 - i. HB0342 - Forestry Licenses - Applicant Qualifications – Alterations
 - ii. SB0455/ HB0506 - Economic Development - Transformational Project Financing Program - Establishment
 - iii. SB0479 - Environment - Building Energy Performance Standards and Energy Use Intensity Targets – Exemptions
 - iv. HB0909 - Sales and Use Tax - Cut Flowers - Exemption
- IV. Events
 - a. Rural Maryland Day, February 12
 - b. Maryland Day, March 25
 - c. Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 3
- V. Next Meeting
 - a. February 23, 2026
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjourn