

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Joint Resolution 9 (Delegate Taylor, *et al.*)  
Rules and Executive Nominations

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**Support by the State of Maryland for the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Memorial Project**

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This resolution expresses the General Assembly's profound gratitude for Dr. Martin Luther King's incalculable contributions to American society and further expresses its full support for the construction of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC. It also urges the Governor and private-sector businesses to provide financial support for the memorial's construction.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Compliance with this joint resolution would not materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is scheduled to be built adjacent to the Tidal Basin on the National Mall, a site that was approved by the National Capital Planning Commission in 1999. The ROMA Design Group was commissioned in 2000 to design and build the memorial, and the memorial's design was approved by the Fine Arts Council in 2002. Final approval for the memorial was given by the U.S. Congress in 2005, which also provided \$10 million in matching funds toward construction costs.

The memorial is expected to cost \$100 million to construct. To date, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation has raised \$57 million from private and public donors.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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