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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Joint Resolution 12 (Senator Klausmeier)

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**Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland - GreenTech Maryland**

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This joint resolution (1) urges Maryland leaders to act expeditiously to support and promote the Regional Manufacturing Institute (RMI) of Maryland, including certain RMI initiatives; and (2) requires a copy of the resolution to be forwarded to specified individuals, including the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The joint resolution does not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 137 of 2008 created the Maryland Clean Energy Center, which has the purpose of, among other things, promoting economic development and jobs in the clean energy industry sector in the State. Chapter 137 also created the Maryland Clean Energy Technology Incubator Program, administered by the center, which has the purpose of promoting entrepreneurship and the creation of jobs in the clean energy technology-related industry. The Maryland Clean Energy Center opened in January 2009.

The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) indicates it has committed \$1.15 million of the fiscal 2009 and 2010 Strategic Energy Investment Fund monies toward development

and implementation of a community college residential energy efficiency curriculum to train contractors participating in the Maryland Home Performance with Energy Star Program (offering energy audits and home energy improvements), sponsored by MEA, and the Department of Housing and Community Development Weatherization Assistance Program (installing energy conservation materials in low-income households).

**Background:** Founded in 1990, RMI, a nonprofit association, was created for manufacturers in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. RMI has representatives of business, government, education, labor, and the community serving on the board of directors. According to RMI, over 300 stakeholders from business, government, and academia attended the November 2007 “Going \$Green with Maryland Manufacturing” conference. RMI also hosted the “Greening the Supply Chain” conference in June 2008.

A 2006 report prepared by the International Center for Sustainable Development for the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development found that developing Maryland’s clean energy industries could create 144,000 jobs over the next 20 years, provide \$5.7 billion in wages and salaries, boost State and local tax revenues by \$973 million, and increase gross State product by \$16 billion.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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