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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) has reviewed City Council Resolution 10-0501 - City Resident Hiring Preference Work Group. This resolution aims to form an inter-departmental workgroup which will include broad representation from stakeholders outside City government in order to draft Board of Estimates rules and/or ordinances expanding the application of Section 3 type requirements to as broad a class of City contracts as is feasible. This resolution lays out the framework for an enforceable hiring obligation which aims to reduce the city's unemployment rate and withstand legal challenge. It proposes that an inter-Departmental workgroup, including broad representation from stakeholders outside Baltimore City government, be formed to fashion Board of Estimates rules and/or an ordinance to achieve these objectives.

The Health Department appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussions about the implications of this resolution, but defers to other agencies with greater expertise in this area. Since there is no direct impact to public health, nor connection to Health's mission, we respectfully take no position on this resolution.

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