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<b>FROM</b>	<b>NAME &amp; TITLE</b>	Robert Cennamo, Chief	<b>CITY of BALTIMORE</b> <b>MEMO</b>	
	<b>AGENCY NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432, City Hall (410) 396-4941		
	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill #19-0343 – Minority and Women’s Business Program– Interim Extension		

**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

March 15, 2019

City Council Bill #19-0343 has been introduced for the purpose of extending the City’s Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise program by another year. Section 28-5 of Article 5 of the City Code would be amended to reflect an expiration date of August 31, 2020.

**Back Ground**

Housed in the Law Department, the Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) is responsible for certification of Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women Business Enterprises (WBEs), maintaining a directory of certified businesses, investigating alleged violations of the MWBE ordinance, maintaining statistics on availability and utilization of MBEs and WBEs, setting annual participation goals, setting contract participation goals on a contract by contract basis, setting participation goals on City-assisted projects, and providing assistance to bidders and developers in identifying MBE/WBE firms.

**Impact/ Analysis**

In the City budget, MWBOO is a service within the Law Department. The Fiscal 2019 General Fund appropriation is \$747,855. This bill has no fiscal impact.

**Conclusion**

The Department of Finance has no objection to the passage of Council Bill 19-0343.

cc: Henry Raymond  
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