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Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee
200 South High Street
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SUBJECT: BILL 92 (2025), AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE (BFED-4)

Dear Chair Sugimura,

This responds to the Council's Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee questions regarding Bill 92 dated August 1, 2025:

- 1) What operational or public safety benefits will be afforded from joining the task force? How do these benefits align with current law enforcement priorities?

Answer: The Maui Police Department, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation has had an intergovernmental agreement for a Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) since 2002. The Hawaii Joint Terrorism Task Force is comprised of members all major law enforcement agencies (both State, County and Federal) operating in Hawaii, to include the military branches. Terrorism, both domestic and international, have been a high priority in the State of Hawaii. These meeting discuss, interact and strategize to prevent/combat the devastation these terror groups can inflict in Hawaii. All members of the Hawaii JTTF must have at least a Federal "secret" clearance, unless the meeting has been declassified before assembly.

- 2) Does the Department have sufficient staffing capacity to assign officers? What is the expected scope and time commitment of the Department's participation in the task force? Will the assigned officers serve full-time or part-time, and for how long? What types of investigations or incidents would trigger your Department's participation? Please explain.

Answer: No officer is assigned full-time to the JTTF. There are monthly meetings that MPD officers attend to debrief on the current landscape involving terrorism in Hawaii. Depending on what island a terrorist event occurred, the JTTF would activate and members from every agency would reach out to the lead agency to assist in the investigation. For example, when we had a rash of exploded ordnances detonate in various parts of Maui, the JTTF activated to assist the FBI and MPD in locating and apprehending the suspects.

Chief John Pelletier is the current liaison for MPD in the JTTF, but he is not a task force officer. Our Criminal Intelligence Unit personnel, which is comprised of a Lieutenant, Sergeant and two officers are JTTF task force officers but none of them work full-time with the group. Activation of members of the JTTF are done on a case by case basis.

- 3) What is the expected cost of participation, including salary, overtime, benefits, training, and equipment? Will these costs be absorbed in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget or will budget amendments be needed?

Answer: There is no cost to the County other than the flight, vehicle rental and per-diem associated with inter-island travel. The JTTF meetings take place at the FBI's Honolulu Field Office in Kapolei, Oahu.

- 4) Has the Department reviewed whether assigning officers raises union, civil service, or collective bargaining implications? Has consultation with the appropriate bargaining unit or Human Resources taken place? Please explain.

Answer: Because JTTF members are not full-time operatives, it will not affect SHOPO, civil service or collective bargaining agreements set in place.

- 5) What types of information would the Department be required or expected to share under the agreement? Has the Department reviewed whether sharing complies with Hawaii Law, including protections for medical, educational, or immigration data.

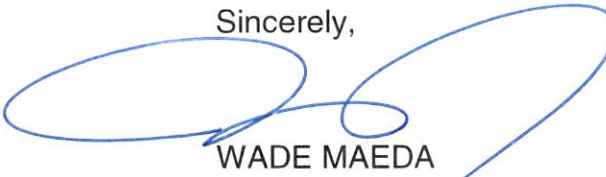
Answer: All citizens in the United States shall be afforded their constitutional rights, both on the Federal and State level. The JTTF will conduct investigations under the color of their law enforcement authority. No deviation will be allowed.

- 6) The agreement requires mutual consent for termination. Has the Department evaluated any risks with may pose for Council or administrative discretion?

Answer: Participation in the Hawaii JTTF is not mandatory. However, for the safety of the citizens of Hawaii, we strongly advocate continued partnership with the FBI's JTTF in order to combat terroristic threats in Hawaii.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Deputy Chief Wade Maeda at (808) 244-6305 or email at wade.maeda@mpd.net.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: 25.08.06 Response to Bill 92 - BFED Committee.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached.

Thanks,

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