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F R O M: Tamara Paltin, Chair *Tamara A. M. Paltin*
Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT RELATING TO
DISCUSSION ON BILL 92, CD1 (2025), AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOR A JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE (DRIP-9(7))**

The attached informational document pertains to Item 9(7) on the Committee's agenda.

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Attachment

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 92, CD1 (2025)

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION FOR A JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. The County of Maui and the Federal Bureau of Investigation seek to enter into an agreement for a joint terrorism task force, as described in the Memorandum of Understanding, attached as Exhibit "1."

Section 2.20.020, Maui County Code, provides, "Unless authorized by ordinance, the mayor shall not enter into any intergovernmental agreement or any amendment thereto which places a financial obligation upon the county or any department or agency thereof."

SECTION 2. Under Section 2.20.020, Maui County Code, the Council authorizes the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and any amendments consistent with the purpose and scope of the Memorandum of Understanding that do not increase the County's financial obligation or the agreement's duration.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

/s/ Thomas Kolbe

THOMAS KOLBE

Department of the Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

LF2025-0169/LF2024-1721

BFED-4 2025-09-09 Bill 92 CD1 (2025)

Exhibit "1"

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HONOLULU DIVISION
JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE (JTTF)

Standard Memorandum of Understanding

Between

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

And

MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT

(the "Participating Agency")

PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Participating Agency. The FBI and the Participating Agency are also referred to herein individually as a Party or collectively as the Parties.

AUTHORITIES

The FBI is authorized to coordinate intelligence, investigative, and operational responses to various criminal, cyber, and national security threats, attacks, and intrusions pursuant to various statutory and executive authorities. These include 28 U.S.C. § 533, 34 U.S.C. § 10211, 28 C.F.R. 0.85, Executive Order 12333, as amended, the Attorney General Section 905 Guidelines Regarding Disclosure of Foreign Intelligence Acquired in a Criminal Investigation (September 23, 2002); the Attorney General Guidelines for FBI Domestic Operations (AGG-DOM); Annex II to NSPD-46/HSPD-15; NSPD-54/HSPD-23; NSPM-36; and 18 U.S.C. § 1030, 50 U.S.C. § 1801, et seq.

PURPOSE/PREAMBLE

This MOU is to formalize the relationship between the FBI and the Participating Agency in order to maximize cooperation and to create a cohesive unit capable of addressing the most complex terrorism investigations. For purposes of this MOU, all mentions of JTTF also include the National Joint Terrorism Task Force (NJTF).

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This MOU delineates the responsibilities and commitments of the FBI and the Participating Agency in the FBI Honolulu Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

This MOU is not intended to, and should not be construed to, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or otherwise by any third party against the Parties, their parent agency, the United States, or the officers, employees, agents, or other associated personnel thereof.

MISSION

The mission of the JTTF is to leverage the collective resources of the Parties for the prevention, preemption, deterrence and investigation of terrorist acts that affect United States interests, and to disrupt and prevent terrorist acts and apprehend individuals who may commit or plan to commit such acts. To further this mission, the JTTF shall serve as a means to facilitate information sharing among JTTF participating agencies.

SUPERVISION AND CONTROL

- All JTTF personnel, once on-board, will be under the supervision of the FBI while working on the JTTF to which they are assigned.
- Overall command and management of the JTTF shall be the responsibility of the NJTTF Section Chief (SC) and his/her designee at the level of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) or the Assistant Director in Charge (ADIC) or Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI field office to which the JTTF personnel are assigned, and his/her designee.
- All guidance on investigative matters handled by the JTTF will be issued by the Attorney General (AG) or the FBI. The FBI will make available to the Participating Agency applicable guidelines and policies, including the AGG-DOM and the FBI's Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide (DIOG).
- The ADIC, SAC or the SC shall designate one Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) to supervise day-to-day operational and investigative matters pertaining to the JTTF. Staffing issues are the responsibility of the FBI chain of command.
- In order to comply with Presidential Directives, the policy and program management of the JTTF is the responsibility of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). The operational chain of command beginning at the highest level, in each JTTF will be as follows: ADIC (if assigned), SAC or SC, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) or Unit Chief (UC), and JTTF SSAs.
- Each FBI ADIC, SAC, or SC, through his or her chain-of-command, is responsible for administrative and operational matters directly associated with the JTTF. Operational activities will be supervised by FBI JTTF SSAs. Staffing issues are the responsibility of the FBI chain of command.
- The relevant FBI JTTF SSA will be responsible for opening, monitoring, directing, and closing JTTF investigations in accordance with existing FBI policy and the applicable United States AG Guidelines.
- Assignments of cases to personnel will be based on, at a minimum, experience, training, and performance in addition to the discretion of the relevant JTTF SSA.

STAFFING COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- In light of the significant cost and effort in on-boarding new JTF personnel, as well as the need for continuity to successfully combat national security, criminal, and cyber threats, attacks, and intrusions, the Participating Agency agrees to provide its personnel to the FBI JTF for a period of at least two (2) years. This MOU imposes no maximum limit as to the time that any individual may remain on the JTF. The FBI retains discretion over the length of service of JTF personnel, in coordination with the Participating Agency.
- During periods of heightened threats and emergencies, the JTF may need to operate 24-hours a day for an extended period of time. To function properly, the JTF depends upon the unique contributions of each Participating Agency. During these periods, all JTF personnel are expected to support JTF activities unless released to the Participating Agency.
- Due to the operational needs of the JTF, assignment of full time JTF personnel to special details or duties for their home agency outside the JTF by the Participating Agency must be coordinated with the relevant JTF SSA.
- Although JTF personnel will report to his/her Participating Agency for non-investigative administrative matters, leave requests will be coordinated with the JTF SSA to ensure staffing availability.
- JTF personnel must adhere to the FBI's ethical standards and the Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for employees of the Justice Department, and the same rules and regulations as FBI employees with regard to security policies, conduct and activities while in FBI space, the handling of FBI property, the operation of FBI vehicles, and the conduct of JTF business.
- Continued assignment to the JTF will be in coordination with the ADIC, SAC or SC, and the Participating Agency. The FBI ADIC, SAC or SC retains the discretion to remove any JTF personnel from the JTF.
- JTF personnel are subject to removal from the JTF by the FBI for any violation of any provision of this MOU, the FBI's ethical standards, the Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for employees of the Department of Justice, any other applicable agreements, rules, and regulations, or at the discretion of the FBI.
- JTF personnel must sign an acknowledgment of their respective roles and responsibilities before coming on-board.
- All JTF personnel are required to attend FBI legal training in compliance with FBI regulations and any other training deemed mandatory and/or necessary by the FBI chain of command. The FBI is responsible for the costs of such training. The Participating Agency will bear the costs of its training required of its own employees.
- The participation of other federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners on the JTF is critical to the long-term success of the endeavor. Due to congressionally mandated reporting, articulating the level of effort for these partnerships is a key measure of the JTF's performance. Accordingly, all JTF personnel will be required to record their workload in the Time Utilization Recordkeeping (TURK) system used by the FBI.
- The Participating Agency will ensure that detailed JTF personnel are medically qualified according to the agency's standards to perform JTF duties, including law enforcement duties, functions, and responsibilities.

DEFINITION OF JTTF PERSONNEL

As used in this MOU, the term "JTTF personnel" means and includes Task Force Officer, Task Force Member, and Task Force Participant, as those terms are defined in the Joint Task Force Policy Guide (1178PG) section 4.3. This section of the JTTFPG is available should it be requested.

DEPUTATION

State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers (LEOs) who serve on the JTTF must be federally deputized under Title 18 of the USC while assigned to the JTTF. The FBI may likewise require federal LEOs who serve on the JTTF to be deputized while assigned to the JTTF. The FBI will secure the required authorization for deputations, as needed.

Under the terms of this MOU, the Participating Agency agrees that non-LEOs detailed to the JTTF will not: (1) participate in law enforcement activities; (2) carry a weapon, either lethal or non-lethal; or (3) participate in the execution of search/arrest warrants.

SECURITY CLEARANCE

JTTF personnel may be required to handle sensitive and classified information, have access to classified systems, and/or have access to secure office space. Therefore, JTTF personnel must obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance and access to Sensitive Compartmentalized Information (SCI) in accordance with the FBI's Security Division Policies.

All JTTF personnel will execute non-disclosure agreements deemed necessary by the FBI for the protection of classified and sensitive information, including but not limited to an SF-312, Classified Nondisclosure Agreement. Supervisors in the Participating Agency responsible for the JTTF personnel may only be provided with classified information in accordance with FBI policy, if they have the appropriate security clearance to receive the classified information, and the requisite "need to know."

All members of the JTTF must certify they have not failed an FBI polygraph at any time. If a potential JTTF member has at one time failed an FBI polygraph, they are not eligible to be in FBI space and, therefore, not eligible to be a member of the task force.

DEADLY FORCE POLICY

Non-FBI JTTF personnel will follow the Participating Agency's policy concerning the use of deadly force.

Less-than-Lethal Devices

- Pursuant to Section VIII of the DOJ Less-Than-Lethal Devices Policy dated May 16, 2011, all state/local officers participating in JTTF operations must be made aware of and adhere to the policy and its limits on DOJ officers.
- The Participating Agency of each individual assigned to the JTTF will ensure the agency's policies and procedures for use of any less-than-lethal device that will be carried by JTTF

personnel are consistent with the DOJ policy statement on the Use of Less-Than-Lethal Devices.

- The Participating Agency of each individual assigned to the JTF will ensure that, while the individual is participating in FBI-led JTF operations in the capacity of JTF personnel, the individual will carry only less-than-lethal devices the Participating Agency has issued to the individual, and on which the individual has been trained, in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures.

BODY WORN CAMERAS

- Task Force Officers (TFOs), including those federally deputized, enforcing federal law while assigned to the JTFs under federal supervision and wearing FBI-owned body worn cameras (BWC) must comply with the processes and procedures set forth in BWC Policy Guide 1343PG, including those covering authorized use and activation of BWCs by TFOs in FBI cases.
- TFOs may comply with the FBI's BWC policies, processes, and procedures by wearing and using their home agencies' BWC equipment during FBI pre-planned arrests and searches.
- TFOs electing to use their home agencies' BWC equipment must wear and use their home-agencies' BWCs in accordance with the FBI's BWC policy, during, and after any FBI pre-planned arrests or searches.
- TFOs will provide the FBI with copies of any BWC recordings resulting from FBI pre-planned arrests or searches as soon as possible at the conclusion of the operation. BWC recordings obtained from TFOs are to be considered copies, with their home agencies retaining the originals.
- Agencies intending to release their home agencies' BWC recordings resulting from FBI pre-planned arrests or searches will notify the relevant FBI Assistant Director in Charge (ADIC)/Special Agent in Charge (SAC) as soon as practicable and provide as much advanced notice prior to release. State, local, tribal, and territorial agencies may not release BWC recordings of FBI pre-planned arrests or searches pursuant to state, local, tribal, or territorial laws or regulations, absent the consent of the FBI. Following intended release notifications, ADICs/SACs will coordinate with the TFOs' home agencies to discuss any necessary redactions or withholdings of the BWC recordings prior to public release to protect the privacy and other interests of the FBI, law enforcement personnel, or victims.

COORDINATION

Intelligence, law enforcement, and operational actions will be coordinated and cooperatively carried out within the JTF. The Participating Agency will not knowingly act unilaterally on any matter affecting the JTF. The Parties agree the matters designated to be handled by the JTF shall not knowingly be subject to non-JTF or non-FBI intelligence, law enforcement, or operational efforts by the Participating Agency. All law enforcement actions will be coordinated and cooperatively carried out.

The JTF's criminal investigative procedures will conform to the requirements of the FBI and for federal prosecution. It is expected that the appropriate United States Attorney, in consultation with the FBI and affected JTF partners, will determine on a case-by-case basis whether the prosecution of cases will be at the federal or state level, based upon which would better advance the interests of justice.

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All media releases involving JTTF matters will be conducted by the FBI. No press release involving a JTTF matter will be issued without prior FBI approval.

CONFIDENTIAL HUMAN SOURCES

- The disclosure of FBI informants, or Confidential Human Sources (CHSs), to non-JTTF personnel will be limited to those situations where it is essential to the effective performance of the JTTF, and only after approval by an FBI supervisory employee. These disclosures will be consistent with applicable FBI guidelines.
- Non-FBI JTTF personnel may not make any further disclosure of the identity of an FBI CHS, including to other individuals assigned to the JTTF. No documents which identify, tend to identify, or may indirectly identify an FBI CHS may be released without prior FBI approval.
- In those instances where the Participating Agency provides a CHS, the FBI may, at the discretion of the SAC and in coordination with the Participating Agency, become solely responsible for the CHS's continued development, operation, and compliance with necessary administrative procedures regarding operation and payment as set forth by the FBI.
- The United States AG Guidelines and FBI policy and procedure for operating FBI CHSs shall apply to all CHSs opened and operated in furtherance of FBI JTTF investigations. Documentation of, and any payments made to, FBI CHSs shall be in accordance with FBI policy and procedure.
- Operation, documentation, and payment of any CHS opened and operated in furtherance of a JTTF investigation must be in accordance with the United States AG Guidelines, regardless of whether the handling agency is an FBI JTTF Participating Agency. Documentation of state, county, or local CHSs opened and operated in furtherance of JTTF investigations shall be maintained at an agreed upon location.
- All JTTF undercover operations will be conducted and reviewed in accordance with FBI guidelines and the Attorney General's Guidelines on Federal Bureau of Investigation Undercover Operations. The Participating Agency may be requested to enter into an additional agreement if an employee of the Participating Agency is assigned duties which require the officer to act in an undercover capacity.

INFORMATION SHARING/REPORTS AND RECORDS

- All investigative and intelligence reporting will be prepared and disseminated in compliance with FBI policy, including but not limited to DIOG section 14. Subject to any legal or policy restrictions, copies of documents created for a JTTF matter based upon information obtained from participation on the JTTF by any JTTF personnel will be considered to be federal documents under the control of the FBI and shall be maintained in accordance with FBI records management policy and applicable law. All JTTF materials and investigative records, including any MOUs, originate with, belong to, and will be maintained by the FBI.
- All information learned during the course of a JTTF investigation is subject to FBI information sharing policies and may not be disclosed outside of the FBI without the approval of the FBI JTTF Supervisor. Like any FBI employee, JTTF personnel may not disclose any FBI or JTTF -related information outside of the FBI, including any disclosure to the Participating Agency, without the prior approval of the FBI JTTF SSA.

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- All JTF materials and investigative records originate with, belong to, and will be maintained by the FBI, to include but not limited to: MOUs, interview reports (i.e. FD-302), interview notes, surveillance logs, subpoenaed records, or other investigative information. All information generated in the course of investigations by the JTF will be controlled solely by the FBI and may only be removed from FBI space with the approval of the JTF SSA. All official records and information will be kept in accordance with established FBI records management and retention policies.
- JTF personnel are strictly prohibited from disclosing any unclassified information to individuals without a need to know. Like any FBI employee, JTF personnel are strictly prohibited from disclosing any classified information to individuals who do not possess the appropriate security clearance and a need to know. The Participating Agency agrees to have JTF personnel sign an FD-868 (Nondisclosure Agreement for Joint JTF Members, Contractors, Detailees, Assignees, and Interns). This action obligates an individual participating in the JTF, who is accepting a position of special trust with access to classified and otherwise sensitive information, to be bound by prepublication review to protect against the unauthorized disclosure of such information.
- JTF information may identify individuals whose information may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 and "United States persons" whose information may be protected by Executive Order 12333 (as amended or any successor thereto). All such information shall be handled lawfully pursuant to the provisions thereof.
- JTF personnel may be required to handle and process Protected Critical Infrastructure Information, as defined by law and regulated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). All JTF personnel will use and disclose DHS PCII in accordance with applicable law and regulation.
- JTF personnel must also comply with all applicable dissemination restrictions when sharing information with non-JTF individuals. Such restrictions include but are not limited to classification rules, grand jury information, foreign government information, and any originator controlled caveats.
- The FBI and the Participating Agency will immediately report to each other every instance wherein data received from each other is used, disclosed, or accessed in an unauthorized manner (including any data losses or breaches).
- The FBI and the Participating Agency agree to abide by the DOJ Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protection Policy for the Information Sharing Environment (January 25, 2010) to the extent that any JTF-related information is covered by that policy. At a minimum, the FBI and Participating Agency shall notify each other of any erroneous disclosure of information concerning a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident alien and take reasonable steps to correct such error.

SALARY/OVERTIME COMPENSATION/FUNDING

- Subject to funding availability and legislative authorization, the FBI may reimburse the Participating Agency for the cost of overtime worked by deputized non-federal LEOs assigned full time to the JTF, provided overtime expenses were incurred as a result of JTF related duties. A separate Cost Reimbursement Agreement (CRA) must be executed between the FBI and the Participating Agency, consistent with regulations and policy. Otherwise, overtime shall be compensated in accordance with applicable Participating Agency overtime provisions.

- The Participating Agency JTF personnel will each report to his or her respective agency for personnel administrative matters. The Participating Agency shall be responsible for the pay, overtime, leave, performance appraisals, and other personnel matters relating to its employees detailed to an FBI JTF. The Participating Agency will, at their discretion, solicit input from the JTF SSA for performance appraisals based on their employees work on the JTF.
- The FBI will provide office space for all JTF personnel members and support staff. In addition, the FBI will provide all necessary secretarial, clerical, automation, and technical support for the JTF in accordance with FBI guidelines and procedures. The FBI will provide all furniture and office equipment.
- The introduction of office equipment and furniture into FBI space by the Participating Agency is discouraged, as any such material is subject to examination for technical compromise, which may result in its being damaged or destroyed.
- Subject to funding availability and legislative authority, the FBI may provide equipment, such as a vehicle (but only to non-federal LEOs who work on the JTF), fuel purchase card (but only to non-federal LEOs who work on the JTF), and smart phone, to JTF personnel for use in carrying out JTF related duties. Receiving personnel will be required to execute acceptable use agreements before being issued these items.
- As the FBI will not provide vehicles to LEOs from federal agencies, it is the responsibility of the Participating Agency (if federal) to ensure the LEO assigned to the JTF is assigned a vehicle in a manner which enables them to fully perform the duties as assigned on the JTF.
- Employees of the Participating Agency (non-federal LEOs only) may be permitted to drive FBI owned or leased vehicles for surveillance, case management and investigation in connection with any JTF investigation. FBI owned or leased vehicles will only be made available to non-federal LEOs, and may only be used in accordance with applicable FBI rules and regulations.
- Employees of the Participating Agency (including federal agencies), specifically assigned to the NJTF may be permitted to drive FBI owned or leased vehicles in connection with NJTF related duties. FBI owned or leased vehicles may only be used in accordance with applicable FBI rules and regulations.
- Employees of the Participating Agency who are assigned an FBI owned or leased vehicle must sign and abide by the following agreement: "FBI NATIONAL VEHICLE LEASE VEHICLE USE AGREEMENT – NON-FBI PERSONNEL."
- *[non-Federal entities only]* Any civil liability arising from the use of an FBI-owned or leased vehicle by an individual from a Participating Agency while engaged in any conduct other than his or her official duties and assignments under this MOU shall not be the responsibility of the FBI or the United States. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Participating Agency will hold harmless the FBI and the United States for any claim for property damage or personal injury arising from any use of an FBI owned or leased vehicle by an individual from the Participating Agency that is outside of the scope of his or her official duties and assignments under this MOU.
- For official inventory purposes, all equipment including fuel cards, radios, badges, credentials and other forms of JTF identification subject to FBI property inventory requirements will, upon request, be produced by each individual who participates in the JTF.
- At the completion of an individual's assignment on the JTF, upon request, or upon withdrawal or termination of the Participating Agency from the JTF, all FBI equipment and property will be returned to the supplying agency in accordance with FBI policy.

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- This MOU is not an obligation or commitment of funds nor a basis for a transfer of funds. Even where one of the Parties to this MOU has agreed (or later does agree) to assume a particular financial responsibility, such Party's express written approval must be obtained before incurring any expense expected to be assumed by the other Party. All obligations of an expenditures by the Parties to this MOU will be subject to each Party's respective budgetary and fiscal processes and availability of funds pursuant to all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The Parties to this MOU acknowledge that there is no intimation, promise, or guarantee that funds will be available in future years.

TRAVEL

All JTTF related travel of non-FBI personnel requires the approval of the JTTF SSA, and Participating Agency authorization, prior to travel. To avoid delay in operational travel, the Participating Agency will provide general travel authority to all of its participating employees for the duration of the employee's membership in the JTTF.

For domestic travel, JTTF personnel will be responsible for appropriate notifications within his or her Participating Agency, as well as standard FBI travel approvals and notification. The JTTF will obtain FBIHQ authorization and country clearances for JTTF personnel required to travel outside the United States. The FBI will pay costs for travel in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations of all JTTF personnel to conduct investigations outside the field office or home agency territory.

[FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ENTITIES ONLY]:

The Posse Comitatus Act, 18 U.S.C. §1385, prohibits the U.S. Army and Air Force (Department of Defense regulations now restrict the activities of all branches or components of the Armed Services under this Act) from being used as a posse comitatus or otherwise to execute the laws entrusted to civilian law enforcement authorities. The restrictions of the Act do not apply to civilian employees of the Department of Defense who are not acting under the direct command and control of a military officer. Other statutory provisions specifically authorize certain indirect and direct assistance and participation by the military in specified law enforcement functions and activities. All Department of Defense components (except strictly civilian components not acting under direct command and control of a military officer) who enter into this agreement, shall comply with all Department of Defense regulations and statutory authorities (describing restrictions, authorizations and conditions in support of law enforcement) including, but not limited to, Department of Defense Directives 3025.18 and 3025.21, Chapter 15 of Title 10 of the United States Code, dealing with military support for civilian law enforcement agencies, and any other or subsequent rules, regulations, and laws that may address this topic, or that may amend, or modify any of the above provisions. This MOU shall not be construed to authorize any additional or greater authority (than already described) for Department of Defense components to act in the support of law enforcement activities.

LIABILITY

General. The Parties acknowledge that this MOU does not alter applicable law governing any claim for civil liability arising out of any activity conducted pursuant to this MOU or otherwise relating to this MOU. The Department of Justice (DOJ) may, in its discretion, determine on a case -by-case basis that

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an individual should be afforded legal representation, legal defense, or indemnification of a civil judgment, pursuant to federal law and DOJ policy and regulations.

Common Law Tort Claims

- Congress has provided that the exclusive remedy for the negligent or wrongful act or omission of an employee of the U.S. Government, acting within the scope of his or her employment, shall be an action against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b), and §§ 2671 - 2680.
- For the limited purpose of defending civil claims arising out of JTF activity, an employee detailed from a Participating Agency who is acting within the course and scope of his or her official duties and assignments pursuant to this MOU may be considered an "employee" of the U.S. government, as defined at 28 U.S.C. § 2671. See 5 U.S.C. § 3374(c)(2).
- Under the Federal Employee Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act of 1998 (commonly known as the Westfall Act), see 28 U.S.C. § 2679(b)(1), if an employee of the United States is named as a defendant in a civil action, the Attorney General or his or her designee may certify that the defendant acted within the scope of his or her employment at the time of the incident giving rise to the suit. 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(1)&(2) The United States can then be substituted for the employee as the sole defendant with respect to any tort claims alleged in the action. 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(1)&(2). Decisions to certify that an employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment at the time of the incident giving rise to the suit, see 28 U.S.C. § 2679(1)&(2), are made on a case-by-case basis, and such certification cannot be guaranteed.
- If the Attorney General declines to certify that an employee was acting within the scope of employment, "the employee may at any time before trial petition the court to find and certify that the employee was acting within the scope of his office or employment." 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(3).

Constitutional Claims

- Liability for violations of federal constitutional law may rest with the individual federal agent or officer pursuant to Bivens v. Six Unknown Names Agents of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 388 (1971) or pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for state officers.
- Federal, state, local, and tribal officers enjoy qualified immunity from suit for constitutional torts, "insofar as their conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known." Harlow v. Fitzgerald, 457 U.S. 800 (1982).
- If any Participating Agency's JTF personnel are named as a defendant in his or her individual capacity in a civil action alleging constitutional damages as a result of conduct taken within the scope of JTF-related duties, the individual may request representation by DOJ. 28 C.F.R. §§ 50.15, 50.16.
- An employee may be provided representation "when the actions for which representation is requested reasonably appear to have been performed within the scope of the employee's employment, and the Attorney General, or his or her designee,

determines that providing representation would otherwise be in the interest of the United States." 28 C.F.R. § 50.15(a).

- A written request for representation by JTF personnel should be directed to the Attorney General and provided to the Chief Division Counsel (CDC) of the FBI division coordinating the JTF. The CDC will forward the representation request to the FBI's Office of the General Counsel (OGC), together with a letterhead memorandum concerning the factual basis of the lawsuit. FBI's OGC will then forward the request to the Civil Division of DOJ, together with an agency recommendation concerning scope of employment and DOJ representation. 28 C.F.R. § 50.15(a)(3).
- If any JTF personnel is found to be liable for a constitutional tort, he or she may request indemnification from DOJ to satisfy an adverse judgment rendered against the employee in his or her individual capacity. 28 C.F.R. § 50.15(c)(4). The criteria for payment are substantially similar to those used to determine whether a federal employee is entitled to DOJ representation under 28 C.F.R. § 50.15(a).
- Determinations concerning legal representation and indemnification by the United States are discretionary and are made by DOJ on a case-by-case basis. The FBI cannot guarantee that the United States will provide legal representation, legal defense, or indemnification to any federal or state employee detailed to the JTF, and nothing in this MOU shall be deemed to create any legal right on the part of any JTF personnel.

Express Reservations

- The Parties do not waive any applicable defenses and/or limitations on liability.
- No assignment of rights, duties, or obligations of this MOU shall be made by any Party without the express written approval of a duly authorized representative of all other Parties.

DURATION

This MOU shall be reviewed every three years based upon its effective date, but may be terminated at any time upon written mutual consent of the FBI and the Participating Agency involved. This MOU will remain in effect until it is terminated by written mutual consent of the FBI and Participating Agency, or until such time a new MOU is executed between the FBI and the Participating Agency.

Any Participating Agency may withdraw from the JTF at any time by written notification to the ADIC, SAC, SC or substantive unit at FBI Headquarters at least 60 days prior to withdrawal.

Upon termination of this MOU, all equipment provided to the JTF will be returned to the supplying Participating Agency. In addition, when a Participating Agency withdraws from the MOU, the Participating Agency will return equipment to the supplying Participating Agency. Similarly, any remaining Participating Agency will return to a withdrawing Participating Agency any unexpended equipment supplied by the withdrawing Participating Agency.

FORFEITURE

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The FBI shall be responsible for processing assets seized for federal forfeiture in conjunction with JTTF operations. Asset forfeitures will be conducted in accordance with federal law, and the rules and regulations set forth by the FBI and DOJ. Forfeitures attributable to JTTF investigations may be equitably shared with the agency participating in the JTTF.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In cases of overlapping jurisdiction, the Parties agree to work in concert to achieve the JTTF's mission and objectives. The Parties agree to attempt to resolve any disputes regarding jurisdiction, case assignments, workload, etc., at the field level first before referring the matter to supervisory personnel for resolution.

MODIFICATIONS

This agreement in no manner affects any existing agreements with the FBI or any other agency. This agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of the parties. The modifications shall have no force or effect unless such modifications are reduced to writing and signed by an authorized representative of the FBI and the Participating Agency.

SIGNATORIES: APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:


John Pelletier
Maui Police Department

Date: 7/2/25


David K. Porter
Special Agent in Charge
Honolulu Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: 6/17/25

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:

COUNTY OF MAUI:


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By RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Its Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

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Upon the request of the Mayor.



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August 5, 2025

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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 meetings 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 ordinances 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.

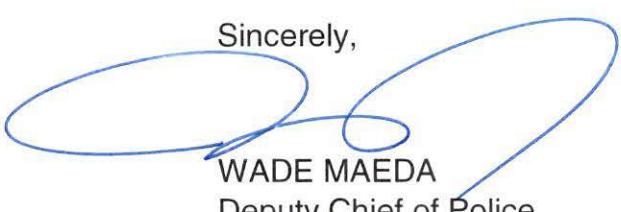
Answer: All citizens in the United States shall be afforded their constitutional rights, both on the Federal and State level. The JTTF will conduct investigations under the color of their law enforcement authority. No deviation will be allowed.

6) The agreement requires mutual consent for termination. Has the Department evaluated any risks which 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.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A JOINT TERRORISM TASK
FORCE (BFED-4)**

Dear Chair Sugimura,

In response to the Council's Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee questions regarding Bill 92;

1. How is "terrorism" defined for the purposes of the Joint Terrorism Task Force?

Answer: **International terrorism:** Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups who are inspired by, or associated with, designated foreign terrorist organizations or nations (state-sponsored).

Domestic terrorism: Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from domestic influences, such as those of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental nature.

a. Does the scope extend to stochastic terrorism, online radicalization, or lone actor violence? If no, why not?

Answer: All three examples extend to the scope of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force initiatives.

b. Would the desecration of cultural or historical sites, or political protest, be considered terrorism under this agreement? Please explain.

Answer: Depending on the motive. If the motive for the group or individual committing the desecration was tied to political cause, religious, hate crime, environmental protest, etc., then yes, it could be considered domestic terrorism.

- c. What types of resources, including funding or training, are available for education and prevention in these areas?

Answer: We send specialized officers to terrorism training, specifically the International Conference on Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism (ICTOCT) annual conference. This is a multi-day conference which covers all instances of terrorism across the United States and Foreign Countries. There are also smaller conferences which focus on Asian Organized Crime, Domestic Terrorism, Human Trafficking by Terrorist groups, etc., in which we also send personnel to update their training.

Also, case studies, trends and debriefs by the Honolulu FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force monthly meetings provide training and networking amongst Federal, State and County Law Enforcement partners.

2. What types of resources, including funding or training, are provided for prevention and education in these areas?

Answer: See above.

3. What officer liability does the agreement create, and how are County interests protected? Please explain.

Answer: Liability exists if we are not part of this task force. Quoting from the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force page;

"The FBI is committed to remaining agile in its approach to the terrorism threat, which has continued to evolve since the September 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Years after these attacks, the threat landscape has expanded considerably, and international terrorism remains a serious threat. The threat of domestic terrorism also remains persistent overall, with actors crossing the line from exercising First Amendment-protected rights to committing crimes in furtherance of violent agendas.

Many factors have contributed to the evolution of the terrorism threat on both the international and domestic fronts.

Lone offenders: Terrorist threats have evolved from large-group conspiracies toward lone-offender attacks. These individuals often radicalize online and mobilize to violence quickly. Without a clear group affiliation or guidance, lone offenders are challenging to identify, investigate, and disrupt. The FBI relies on partnerships and tips from the public to identify and thwart these attacks.

The internet and social media: International and domestic violent extremists have developed an extensive presence on the Internet through messaging platforms and online images, videos,

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and publications. These facilitate the groups' ability to radicalize and recruit individuals who are receptive to extremist messaging.

Social media has also allowed both international and domestic terrorists to gain unprecedented, virtual access to people living in the United States in an effort to enable homeland attacks. The Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), in particular, encourages sympathizers to carry out simple attacks wherever they are located—or to travel to ISIS-held territory in Iraq and Syria and join its ranks as foreign fighters. This message has resonated with supporters in the United States and abroad."

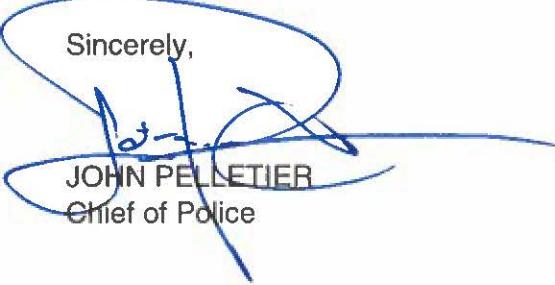
The County of Maui interests are protected by the Maui Police Department's ability to have the intelligence and support from the FBI and JTF partners which enable us to be prepared or prevent terrorist attacks.

4. How would the Council be updated on the Department's role and activities under the Joint Terrorism Task Force?

Answer: The Council would not be updated. The JTF discuss confidential and covert information with their counterparts within the United States and namely, the State of Hawaii. In the event of a verified terrorist threat, the Mayor's office would be notified and actions would be taken to protect the citizen of Maui County.

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.

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Re: BFED-4 Relating to "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE."

Dear Chair Sugimura:

This letter responds to the following inquiries:

1. What constitutes a financial obligation under Chapter 2.20, Maui County Code; and
2. Does the proposed intergovernmental agreement between the County of Maui's Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a Joint Terrorism Task Force place any financial obligation on the County that would require Council authorization under Section 2.20.020, Maui County Code?

RESPONSE: Maui County Code 2.20.010.B defines "obligation" broadly:

Obligation means "any commitment, promise, or similar representation contained in an intergovernmental agreement that the county or any agency thereof will provide funds, documents, statistical data or any professional or technical service, or establish any rules, regulations, or other law within the county to any other governmental or quasi-governmental agency."

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Maui County Code 2.20.020 requires passage of an ordinance if an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") places a **financial** obligation on the County:

"Unless authorized by ordinance, the mayor shall not enter into any intergovernmental agreement or any amendment thereto which places a financial obligation upon the county or any department or agency thereof."

The Code does not specifically define "financial obligation". Therefore, what constitutes a "financial obligation" must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

I have reviewed the proposed IGA between the Maui Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a Joint Terrorism Task Force and have conferred with the Police Department regarding any financial obligations on the County. It is MPD and this office's position that this IGA does not place any financial obligations on the County and therefore does not require Council authorization under Section 2.20.020, Maui County Code.

Please contact us if you have any further questions.

Sincerely yours,



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