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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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For Transmittal To:

Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee
200 S. 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,

I am writing to provide clarification regarding the proposed Joint Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and to address concerns that have been raised about its scope and intent.

The Joint Task Force MOU will not, in any way, authorize or result in immigration enforcement activities by the Maui Police Department. Immigration enforcement is not a function of this agreement, nor will MPD participate in such actions under the MOU.

Additionally, there is no financial obligation associated with entering into this agreement. The MOU does not provide funding, revenue sharing, or financial incentives to MPD. The department also does not have a full-time task force officer assigned under this MOU. As such, we are respectfully requesting that the MOU be pulled from the agenda and referred back to MPD so that the "no immigration enforcement" as well as the "lack of financial obligation", can be specifically applied.

The intent of the agreement is limited in scope and is designed solely to support collaborative efforts within clearly defined parameters that align with MPD's mission, policies, and legal authority.

Received at DRIP meeting on 1/28/26
(DRIP-9(7))

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am available to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

JOHN PELLETIER
Chief of Police

DRIP Committee

From: Angela N. Andrade <Angela.Andrade@mpd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 10:27 AM
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Good Morning,

Please see the attached letter that was sent to the BFED committee.

Thanks,

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