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January 23, 2026

**Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793**

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

**For Transmittal To:**

Patricia T. Berry 1. 27-2b  
Mayor Date

**Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic  
Development Committee  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793**

**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.

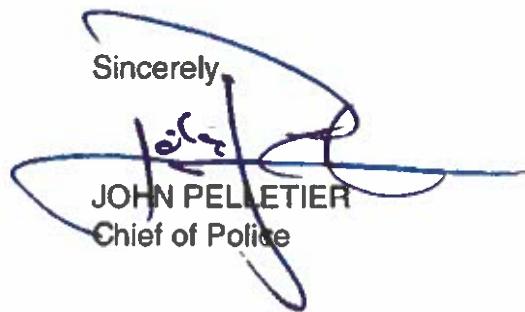
The Joint Task Force MOU will not, in any way, authorize or result in immigration enforcement activities by the Maui Police Department. Immigration enforcement is not a function of this agreement, nor will MPD participate in such actions under the MOU.

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.

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

## BFED Committee

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**From:** Estrelita B. Dahilig <Estrelita.B.Dahilig@co.maui.hi.us>  
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**Attachments:** MT#11370.BFED.Chair.Sugimura.Yuki.pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached transmittal dated January 23, 2026, from Chief of Police Department, John Pelletier regarding the above subject matter.

Thank you and have a great day!

Mahalo,  
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**Lita B. Dahilig**

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