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January 23, 2026

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

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Mayor Date

For Transmittal To:

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.

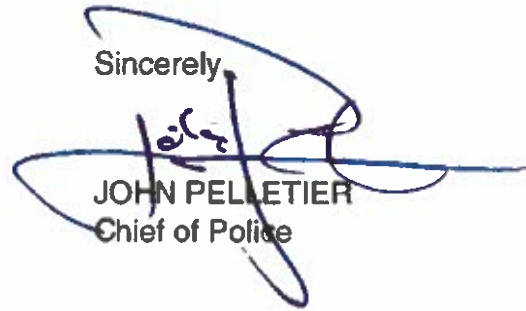
Additionally, there is no financial obligation associated with entering into this agreement. The MOU does not provide funding, revenue sharing, or financial incentives to MPD. The department also does not have a full-time task force officer assigned under this MOU. As such, we are respectfully requesting 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
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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Pelletier', is written over the printed name and title. The signature is stylized with a large loop and a horizontal line extending to the right.

JOHN PELLETIER
Chief of Police

BFED Committee

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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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