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August 21, 2025

Mr. John Pelletier, Chief of Police Department of Police County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chief Pelletier:

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)

The Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee briefly discussed and deferred Bill 92 at its meeting of August 19, 2025.

May I please request you provide the following:

- 1. How is "terrorism" defined for the purposes of the Joint Terrorism Task Force?
 - a. Does the scope extend to stochastic terrorism, online radicalization, or lone actor violence? If no, why not?
 - b. Would the desecration of cultural or historical sites, or political protest, be considered terrorism under this agreement? Please explain.
 - c. What types of resources, including funding or training, are available for education and prevention in these areas?
- 2. What types of resources, including funding or training, are provided for prevention and education in these areas?

- 3. What officer liability does the agreement create, and how are County interests protected? Please explain.
- 4. How would the Council be updated on the Department's role and activities under the Joint Terrorism Task Force?

May I further request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **August 27, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

YUKI LEI K. SUGLMURA, Chair

Yuki Sei K. Sugimura

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

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Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:42 AM

To: John Pelletier

Cc: BFED Committee; Wade M. Maeda; Angela Andrade; 'Jenny Y. Nakama'; Michelle Santos;

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Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: BILL 92 (2025) (BFED 4); reply by 8/27/25. . .

Attachments: 004apd02 revised signed.pdf

Mahalo,

BFED Committee Staff