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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the world is under  
2           terroristic attack, and the State must be vigilant to protect  
3           its islands and residents. As one of the largest military  
4           outposts in the nation and the critical site of United States  
5           military presence in the pacific, Hawaii may be a target of  
6           terroristic threats or attacks. In the wake of international  
7           terrorism, Hawaii must ensure preparedness and proper procedures  
8           should a terroristic threat or attack take place.

9           The legislature further finds that it is the duty of our  
10          federal and State governmental departments to prepare the proper  
11          procedures for such potential terroristic threats or attack and  
12          develop a counterterrorism plan that addresses the security  
13          issues and necessary response. Ultimately, a partnership  
14          between the various federal and State law enforcement agencies  
15          to development this plan is in the State's best interest.



1           The purpose of this bill is to establish in the office of  
2 the governor a joint terrorism task force of various State and  
3 federal law enforcement agencies to fight terrorism.

4           SECTION 2. (a) There is established in the office of the  
5 governor a joint terrorism task force of various State and  
6 federal government law enforcement agencies to fight terrorism.  
7 The federal agencies are invited to participate on a voluntary  
8 basis.

9           (b) The task force shall develop an emergency  
10 counterterrorism plan for the State that addresses certain  
11 security issues resulting from a terroristic attack or  
12 terroristic threat to the State and any necessary response.

13           (c) The adjutant general of the department of defense  
14 shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

15           (d) In addition to the adjutant general of the department  
16 of defense, the task force shall consist of the following  
17 members or their representatives:

18           (1) The secretary of the United States Department of  
19 Homeland Security, who is invited to participate on a  
20 voluntary basis;



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- 1           (2) The administrator of the United States Transportation
- 2           Security Administration, who is invited to participate
- 3           on a voluntary basis;
- 4           (3) The inspector general of the United States Pacific
- 5           Command, who is invited to participate on a voluntary
- 6           basis;
- 7           (4) The chief of police of the Honolulu police department;
- 8           (5) The chief of police of the Hawaii police department;
- 9           (6) The chief of police of the Kauai police department;
- 10          (7) The chief of police of the Maui police department; and
- 11          (8) The director of the department of public safety.
- 12          (e) The task force shall:
- 13           (1) Identify potential terroristic threats to the State;
- 14           (2) Identify weaknesses in the State's geography, economy,
- 15           and social structure that creates vulnerabilities to
- 16           terrorism in the State;
- 17           (3) Develop a communications process to alert the public
- 18           of terroristic threats and terroristic attacks in the
- 19           State; and
- 20           (4) Develop a response plan for possible terroristic
- 21           threats.



1 (f) The task force shall submit reports of its findings  
2 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
4 the regular session of 2017.

5 (g) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2017.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for costs  
9 incurred by the joint terrorism task force pursuant to this Act.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
11 governor for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

Joint Terrorism Task Force; Government Agencies;  
Counterterrorism; Security; Public Safety.

**Description:**

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