



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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| INDIVIDUAL: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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I Support this Legislation. I Offer an Amendment that Kansas locally Fund their Police Services Locally by 90%!



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| WITNESS NAME: CHARLES A. ARNOLD | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-971-1000 | |
| REPRESENTING: KANSAS CITY MISSOURI BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: P O BOX 161 | | | |
| CITY: WRIGHT CITY | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63390 |
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| WITNESS NAME: MALLORY RUSCH | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-306-8945 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: EMPOWER MISSOURI | | TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | |
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On behalf of our staff, board, and the Criminal Justice Coalition convened by Empower Missouri, I stand in opposition HB 1986, HB 1994, and HJR 100. As an anti-poverty organization, we hold a strong belief that crime is often a symptom of poverty. Some people break the law in a desperate attempt to provide for their families. Others live in communities, both urban and rural, where there is an abiding sense of hopelessness; the disinvestment and poverty in these communities is often overwhelming. These places can become breeding grounds for drug use and other illicit activities. We can choose to address these issues through policing, or we can seek to address the root cause of the issue, working to ensure that every Missourian has an equal opportunity to thrive. Reallocating dollars from law enforcement to programs aimed at decreasing poverty and preventing crime is smart policy. Decreases in poverty will mean decreases in crime. It is important not to conflate these efforts with “defunding the police” or “abolishing police.” There is no shortage of spending on law enforcement in this state. Missouri spends nearly \$1B annually on law enforcement at the state level; localities spend hundreds of millions more. We can both respect the efforts of law enforcement and also want to try different approaches to preventing and addressing crime across our state. We should allow every city in Missouri to make its own decisions about how it spends locally generated revenue. This is why we have local governments. Forcing any locality to allocate more local resources in law enforcement is bad public policy, which is why it is currently expressly forbidden by our state Constitution. It is important to remember that 5% of Kansas City’s budget is no small amount of money. We’re talking about approximately \$87,000,000. This is money that is currently allocated to other critical city services, including transportation, infrastructure, parks, affordable housing. Why should other critical needs go unmet in order to add \$87M to the police budget? We believe that these bills represent a significant overreach by the Missouri Legislature, and we respectfully ask that this committee vote against passing these bills and this resolution.



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| WITNESS NAME: SHANNON COOPER | | PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432 | |
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| WITNESS NAME: RICHARD C. SMITH | | PHONE NUMBER: 816-234-5010 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT | | TITLE: CHIEF OF POLICE | |
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