

HJR 100 -- KANSAS CITY POLICE FUNDING

SPONSOR: Richey

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety by a vote of 6 to 0.

Currently, the General Assembly cannot require a city to increase an activity or service beyond that required by existing law, unless a state appropriation is made to pay the city for any increased costs.

This proposed Constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, provides an exception for the establishment of minimum funding for law enforcement agencies so as to prevent the defunding of law enforcement.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is a necessary component that is part of the increase in the police budget. It identifies the fact that, when the state is responding in an effort to defund the police, it would not be a violation of Hancock amendment. Maintain minimal funding would not be a violation of Hancock. Increasing requirement for funding and the HJR is a necessary component.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Richey; Arnie C. Ac Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this is an unfunded mandate.

Testifying against the bill were the City of Kansas City & Greater Kansas City Chamber; and Mallory Rusch, Empower Missouri.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.