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I am strongly in support of this bill.			



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It is necessary for the POST Commission to have full-time investigators to be able to effectively carry out their duties.



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The ACLU is in support of HB 38.			



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House Special Committee on Criminal Justice Chairman Dogan HB 38 March 9, 2021 Dear Honorable Committee Members, Thank you for allowing me to present written testimony today. On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri and our approximately 15,000 supporters statewide, I would like to express our support for HB 38, a measure that would increase the number of POST Investigators to nine. The Peace Officer Standards and Training Program (POST) is a regulatory program with responsibility for licensing peace officers, ensuring compliance with peace officer continuing education requirements, and conducting investigations for disciplining peace officers as specified by Chapter 590, RSMo. During negotiations on police reform over the summer, leading law enforcement groups repeatedly noted that the POST Commission currently employs 2 investigators for the entire state and its law enforcement officers. They found this problematic and so do we. This bill aims to increase the number of investigators to match our number of congressional districts: an increase from two currently, to nine once passed. This is a modest measure to increase the number of investigators needed to meet the current caseload. In conversation with public safety officials, there is an estimated 100 case-long log jam facing POST investigators. Cases can vary in length of time and severity, with the most severe taking several weeks or months to complete. More POST Investigators for the state would allow faster action to get cops off the street who should not be there and clear those that should. Early and swift intervention can identify officers exhibiting problem behavior and allow supervisors to intervene before there are instances of serious and or repeated misconduct. As civil liberties advocates, we urge police reform to ensure constitutional values are upheld. Law enforcement officers are an arm of the state and their behaviors directly implicate how the state exercises its commitments under the Constitution. The failure to hold officers accountable for serious misconduct allows problem officers to be shuffled between police departments. By ensuring swift and effective investigations, all departments benefit. Measures like HB 38 promote prioritizing justice in the eyes of the law for all. Ensuring that an outside agency investigate misconduct, there is a higher possibility of fairness and impartially. Meaningful police reform requires accountability. A national PBS poll conducted in the midst of last summer's protests showed that 63 percent of total respondents still had a "great deal" or "fair amount" of confidence in the police. Among African American respondents, however, only 31 percent held the same view, while 48 percent said that they had "very little/no confidence at all" in the police. [1] Adding accountability will increase community confidence. I urge you to vote in favor of this legislation and look forward to answering your questions. Best, Mo Del Villar Legislative Associate ACLU-MO [1] Santhanam, L. (June 5, 2020). Two-thirds of black Americans don't trust the police to treat them equally. Most white Americans do. PBS. <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/two-thirds-of-black-americans-dont-trust-the-police-to-treat-them-equally-most-white-americans-do>.



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To the members of the Special Committee on Criminal Justice, thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony today. On behalf of the Ethical Society of Police and our members in the St. Louis area, I would like to share our thoughts on HOUSE BILL NO. 38. It should be noted, the Ethical Society of Police was founded in 1972 by African Americans officers to fight race-based discrimination in police departments as well as the community. Our efforts since have been intentional and unwavering in seeking justice. Specifically speaking on the addition made in HB NO. 38, which is to add one full-time investigator per congressional district, I believe this is not only a great step towards police accountability, but it is a needed step. Currently, Missouri staffs two investigators who are tasked with conducting investigations on approximately 14,000 police officers in the state of Missouri. While those two investigators are possibly doing great work, it is our opinion that they could also be over worked. This hinderance that is placed on them is unfair to them, their office, the integrity of their work and most importantly the citizens of Missouri. The culture of policing today lacks the legitimacy that our country is calling for. If we are able to change that culture in our state by increasing the number of decertifications of unethical police officers with the increased number of POST investigators, one could argue less lives could be negatively affected. HB NO. 38 is one step in the right direction of re-imagining what policing is for us. We urge all who have the ability to do so, enact more meaningful and intentional reform laws involving policing. Thank you.



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**I am Opposed to this Bill. This Bill takes away Division disgression from Director Jeremy Spratt.
Resources need to be deployed and Assigned to Case where they are needed.**



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**I am Opposed to this Bill. The Deployment of Investigators shall be Deployed were need by
Commission Division Jermy Spratt.**