



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 2587		DATE: 2/3/2026	
COMMITTEE: Crime and Public Safety			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ALEXANDER VIVAS		PHONE NUMBER: 816-896-9931	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL		TITLE: LT.	
ADDRESS: 1510 E. ELM			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/3/2026 12:00 AM	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 2/3/2026 1:46 AM	

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I am in Support on the surface of this Bill and Legislation to keep Missourians safe.



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WITNESS NAME: JEFF ROORDA		PHONE NUMBER: 314-633-3900
REPRESENTING: L3HARRIS TECHNOLOGIES		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 12166 OLD BIG BEND, SUITE 306		
CITY: KIRKWOOD		STATE: MO
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WITNESS NAME: JOSH HEINEN		PHONE NUMBER: 816-210-5114	
REPRESENTING: KANSAS CITY MO POLICE DEPARTMENT		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1125 LOCUST			
CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64106
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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON COOPER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432	
REPRESENTING: CITY OF KANSAS CITY		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 208 MADISON			
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WITNESS NAME: JARED HANKINSON		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: MO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: KORTNIE HUDDLESTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Most alarmingly, the bill grants law enforcement sweeping authority to “disable” drones through “jamming, hacking, [or] use of force.” This is a dangerous and unchecked escalation of police power, inviting the warrantless destruction of private property, disruption of communications, and potential violence against individuals operating drones lawfully or in protest.

The “emergency clause” is a tactic to bypass public deliberation on these serious civil liberties infringements. True safety comes from investment in communities, healthcare, housing, and education—not from expanding the tools and jurisdiction of a policing system already plagued by systemic abuse and a lack of accountability.

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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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House Bill 2587 is framed as a narrowly tailored public-safety response to “weaponized unmanned aircraft,” but the text does not support that claim.

Instead, the bill creates expansive airspace exclusion zones, grants extraordinary mitigation powers to law enforcement, and invokes an emergency clause without demonstrating an actual legislative emergency.

First, the bill criminalizes operation of unmanned aircraft within a vertical distance of four hundred feet over correctional facilities, mental health hospitals, open-air venues, and broadly defined “critical infrastructure,” without requiring proof of harm, interference, or dangerous conduct. This approach collapses intent, risk, and outcome into a single proximity-based offense, departing from traditional criminal law principles that require a nexus between conduct and threat.

Second, the so-called “mitigation measures” provisions authorize law enforcement to detect, track, intercept, jam, hack, disable, or use force against unmanned aircraft systems. These powers are not meaningfully constrained by warrant requirements, judicial oversight, or clear standards. The phrase “necessary mitigation measures” is undefined, leaving enforcement bounded only by post-hoc constitutional review.

That is not a safeguard; it is an after-the-fact defense.

Third, HB 2587 raises serious federal preemption concerns. The Federal Aviation Administration occupies the field of navigable airspace regulation. While states may regulate certain ground-based conduct, blanket vertical flight prohibitions and authorization of signal interference place Missouri squarely on a collision course with federal aviation law and FCC regulations governing radio frequency interference.

Fourth, the bill repeatedly relies on written consent from facility administrators or executives as a gatekeeping mechanism for lawful flight. That structure effectively privatizes airspace control, substituting ad hoc permission for uniform legal standards — an approach incompatible with due process and equal protection.

Finally, the emergency clause is unjustified. The bill cites an “urgent need” related to weaponized unmanned aircraft, yet introduces no findings, data, or documented incidents demonstrating that existing Missouri or federal law is inadequate. Emergency clauses are constitutional tools, not

rhetorical accelerants, and should not be used to bypass deliberation when the statute itself dramatically expands police authority.

Public safety does not require abandoning constitutional discipline.

HB 2587 is overbroad, federally suspect, and enforcement-heavy in ways that invite abuse rather than prevent harm.

The General Assembly should reject this bill and pursue narrowly tailored solutions grounded in demonstrated need.

Footnotes:

City of St. Louis v. McNeely, 358 S.W.3d 65, 72 (Mo. banc 2012).

(Even public-safety concerns do not eliminate constitutional constraints.)

49 U.S.C. § 40103(a); 14 C.F.R. pt. 107.

(Federal authority over navigable airspace and unmanned aircraft systems.)

Arizona v. United States, 567 U.S. 387, 399 (2012).

(State laws are preempted where Congress has occupied the field.)

Mo. Const. art. I, §§ 10, 15.

(Due process and proportional punishment protections.)

State v. Brown, 449 S.W.3d 490, 496 (Mo. banc 2014).

(Undefined enforcement discretion invites arbitrary application.)