



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in Support of this Bill.



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WITNESS NAME: CLAIRE HILLMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 816-404-3617	
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WITNESS NAME: JESSICA PETRIE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-6044
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN KILLIAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MIKE QUINN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: NOEL TORPEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: TYLER TRAVERS		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 3313 authorizes courts to place individuals under involuntary outpatient mental health treatment for up to two years, with the possibility of forced transport and hospitalization if the court later determines the person has not complied with treatment conditions.

This bill raises a fundamental constitutional question:

Should the state be able to hospitalize a person without a prior hearing simply because the person failed to comply with outpatient therapy or medication directives?

The Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized that **civil commitment represents one of the most serious deprivations of liberty the government can impose outside the criminal process.¹ Because of that reality, courts require strong procedural protections before the state may confine an individual for psychiatric treatment.**

HB 3313 moves in the opposite direction.

Under §632.605, a court may order a person transported by law enforcement and hospitalized without a hearing when a mental health program reports noncompliance. The hearing occurs only after the person has already been detained.

That structure inverts the constitutional norm.

The government must normally establish justification before depriving an individual of liberty—not afterward.

The bill also authorizes two-year involuntary treatment orders with repeated extensions, potentially placing individuals under long-term court supervision and involuntary treatment regimes that resemble ongoing civil commitment without the stricter procedural thresholds traditionally required for confinement.

Missouri law already provides mechanisms for emergency detention and civil commitment when a person presents a danger to themselves or others. Expanding state authority to impose court-ordered treatment and hospitalization based on predicted deterioration or treatment noncompliance raises serious due process and liberty concerns.

Before creating a new category of court-ordered mental health control lasting up to two years, the

legislature should answer a simple constitutional question:

What procedural protections should exist before the state can force a person into psychiatric treatment or confinement?

HB 3313 does not answer that question adequately.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to vote Do Not Pass on HB 3313.

Footnotes:

Addington v. Texas, 441 U.S. 418 (1979) (recognizing that involuntary civil commitment constitutes a significant deprivation of liberty requiring heightened procedural protections).

O'Connor v. Donaldson, 422 U.S. 563 (1975) (holding that the state may not confine a non-dangerous individual capable of surviving safely in freedom).