

SB 589

Makes Missouri less welcoming to immigrants by barring local communities from offering protection or extending welcoming policies

Forces municipalities to divert funding toward immigration enforcement rather than local public safety concerns

- SB 589 would take away the discretion of law enforcement agencies to determine how to utilize and prioritize their resources
- Local agencies are not fully reimbursed for the cost of detaining individuals and will be liable in federal court for these constitutional violations

Increases the risk of racial profiling

- The use of detainers increases the likelihood of racial profiling, as officers may use “foreign-sounding” last names, place of birth, or racial appearance as reasons to report an individual for investigation

Undermines the trust between local law enforcement and the families they serve

- SB 589 interferes with common-sense police efforts to assure crime victims and witnesses that they should feel safe when interacting with police to solve and prevent crimes
- If people in the community are afraid to call the police when they're in danger, or to serve as a witness in a criminal case, it makes it harder for the police to solve crimes and harder for D.A.s to prosecute criminals

Creates a local police-to-ICE pipeline

Punishes welcoming municipalities who choose to protect immigrant families