

The University Park Neighborhood Association's (UPNA) Land Use and Rental Relations Committee under the direction of the UPNA Board, OPPOSES this bill as filed. The University of Portland is part of the UPNA and over 800 students (pre CoVid 19) live off-campus in the neighborhood. the UPNA has worked for many years with the University of Portland to assure that students living off campus have safe housing. Without regulation of the maximum number of persons residing in a unit, the City of Portland's Fire Department could not assure the safety of these students. Furthermore, as written HB 2583 would reduce the ability of the City and State Fire Marshalls to protect the safety of apartment and dormitory residents. There are significant and valid safety reasons for limiting the number of residents in a housing unit. In addition there are public utility concerns as well - particularly water and sewer connections and demand. We urge the Legislature to REJECT this bill as filed.