



Portland Mayor proposes “Arts Education Tax”

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Portland, Oregon Mayor Sam Adams has proposed an “arts education tax,” a \$35-per-year income tax that would impact all adult residents living above the poverty line. As arts education faces increasing budget cuts, this tax would work to ensure the stability of arts education within the public school curriculum by allowing the city to hire more art teachers and support local arts organizations. But are there downsides of imposing such a tax? Visit Cascade Policy Institute’s website for a comprehensive rundown:

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