

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Amend the Arts Education and Access Income Tax code to add a definition for “charter schools” to include those charter schools where the school district is the fiscal agent and delete the reference to names and addresses of taxpayers not being confidential (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 5.73)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

It was the voters and City Council’s intention to benefit Portland K-5 students, including charter school students. By adding a definition of charter school to include both district sponsored and state sponsored schools that have Portland catchment and Portland K-5 students, all K-5 students will receive the benefit of arts and/or music instruction within the six Portland school districts that receive Arts Tax funds.

Charter schools can be sponsored by the school district directly, or if the district denies the sponsorship request, the state of Oregon Education Department (OED) can sponsor the charter school. In the case of a state sponsored charter school, the OED doesn’t consider the charter school to be a district school. As such, Arts Tax funds could not be distributed to those charter schools that were state sponsored because a definition wasn’t included in the Arts Tax code that specifically included state sponsored charter schools in a definition of a district school.

The addition of charter schools in Portland City Code (PCC) 5.73 will immediately add two state sponsored charter schools to the Portland Public Schools district and will allow them to receive Arts Tax funds in the 2016-17 school year.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

Since the Arts Tax is supported through a dedicated fund (Arts Education and Access Fund), there is no impact to the City’s General Fund. Increased Arts Tax funding to the two additional charter schools will total approximately \$34,000 per year. Since the Arts Tax funds pay for teachers in the six named Portland school districts before any payments are made to the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC), this action results in a slight decrease to RACC for the programs funded with Arts Tax funds.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

In its report to City Council in April 2015, the Arts Oversight Committee recommended that City Council correct this funding inequity. Portland Public Schools Board committed to bridge funding for the 2015-16 school year for the two charter schools that have been excluded, to give the City time to take legislative action. Teacher and charter school advocates have continued to urge City Council to take this action to reflect the intent of the voters when they passed the Arts Tax in November 2012.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Impact Statement for Requested Council Action

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**Does this action change appropriations?** **YES:** Please complete the information below. **NO: Skip this section** - This action does not change appropriations.

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount