

Taxed out

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Utah legislators want to share the tax burden for new schools among everyone in the state. Wouldn't it be more fair to impose the tax on the *cause* of the new schools: population increase which results in new residential construction, which many questionably proclaim to be a great economic boon to the state?

A few years ago an impact fee was imposed on new construction. In 1995 the Legislature placed a "moratorium" on that concept. A more fair idea would be to return to that policy so new growth would at least pay for some of the school construction it causes. Or perhaps it's time to pass a California-style Proposition 13 to protect the current residents from being taxed out of their homes.

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