



Chronicling civil-service life for California state workers

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[Moldy BOE headquarters bill passes Assembly committee](#)

Members of the [Assembly Business and Professions Committee](#) unanimously passed AB 151 -- the moldy state building bill -- on a 7-0 vote after a brief hearing Monday.

The bill, co-authored by [Assemblyman Dave Jones](#), D-Sacramento, and Sen. [George Runner](#), R-Lancaster, would authorize the [Board of Equalization](#) and its 2,900 workers to move out of its downtown headquarters and into newer [office space](#) in the region.

The Bee told you about this saga in Saturday's newspaper. To read it, click [here](#).

BOE boss [Ramon Hirsig](#) wants out of the state office tower at 450 N St., saying his agency's work is being constantly disrupted by leaks, floods, endless mold and troubled elevators.

Three-quarters of his staff told their union in a survey they want to move out -- permanently.

The bill was sent to the [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#), whose own members must approve it before the end of the month if the legislation is to move forward in the [Senate](#).

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