



Bill Would Allow State To Sell Or Lease "Sick Building"

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The Board of Equalization Headquarters in Sacramento has been plagued by elevator problems, leaky windows and mold.

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Some state lawmakers want to sell or lease the Board of Equalization headquarters in Sacramento because of faulty construction and other problems in the building.

Capital Public Radio's Steve Shadley reports...

Democratic Assemblymember Dave Jones is co-author of a bill that would allow the state to vacate the BOE building.

He says the 24-story structure has a history of problems that the state can't afford to repair...

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Jones: "Water intrusion, mold, elevators falling, such that the costs of repairing the

building, the disruption to the workers in the building...the incidence of health issues...all that equals about a 98-million dollar cost figure...”

The state already has spent 15-million dollars to fix all 45-hundred windows in the building.

Officials estimate cleaning up the mold would cost another 34-million. Meantime, the BOE is relocating 600 of its 27-hundred workers to other state offices.

A BOE spokeswoman says some workers have reported feeling sick from the mold in the building.