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**Tax Exemption for Space Flight Property and BOE Headquarters Relocation Among
Legislation Supported by Board of Equalization
BOE Also Adopts Rules Simplifying Sales Tax for Mobile Food Truck Vendors**

San Francisco – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) announces that the Board voted unanimously to support Assembly Bill 777, Assembly Bill 1656, Senate Bill 1113 and Assembly Bill 2429 at its monthly meeting on March 25, 2014, at the California Public Utilities Commission Auditorium in San Francisco.

The Board voted 5-0 to support [Assembly Bill 777](#). This legislation seeks to exempt space flight property from property taxes until Fiscal Year 2024-25. The proposal defines space flight as any flight designed for orbital, suborbital, or interplanetary travel by a satellite, space vehicle, or space station or facility of any kind. The exemption would only apply to material that is intended for space launch.

Board Members also agreed to support [Assembly Bill 1656](#). This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to authorize the Department of General Services, with the BOE's consent, to enter into an agreement to lease or purchase a facility in the Sacramento area to consolidate and relocate BOE employees from its current, troubled headquarters building at 450 N Street. To date, the state has spent approximately \$59 million dollars to repair the headquarters building, and is scheduled to spend another \$30 million or more to make numerous outstanding repairs. Consolidating Sacramento-area staff in one facility will improve the agency's efficiency. The Board's vote to sponsor this bill was 5-0.

The Board voted to support [Senate Bill 1113](#) by a 5-0 vote. This bill would extend the time allowed to file property tax refunds from four to eight years for certain disabled veterans. California law allows veterans who have a disability rating of 100 percent by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or veterans who have been unable to secure and maintain gainful employment or their surviving spouse who has not remarried, to receive a property tax exemption on their home's assessed value. This bill would allow for refunds for the last eight years of taxes paid.

A bill to equalize interest computation by the BOE is also supported on a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board. [Assembly Bill 2429](#) would require the same interest rate to be applied on overpayments as is applied to late payments.

In addition to legislative positions, the Board unanimously adopted a rule which presumes that unless a separate amount for tax reimbursement is added to the price, listed prices of taxable food items sold from mobile food trucks include sales tax. This presumption does not apply when the food truck makes sales as a caterer. This adoption forwards the proposed regulation to the Office of Administrative Law which has 30

days to review the material to assure the rule was made according to Administrative Procedures Act requirements. If so it is filed with the Secretary of State. If approved, the rule is set to take effect on July 1, 2014.

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The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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