

State Board of Equalization (BOE)

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Assembly	Senate
Physical Office Space Issues	
Board Members' Offices Budget Bill Language (BBL). Proposal that Department of General Services (DGS) work with BOE to reunite board members' offices in one location within a state-owned building.	Board Members' Offices SRL. Supplemental reporting language (SRL) on physical office space: expresses legislative intent that BOE board members' headquarter offices be in same building with those of plurality of BOE headquarters employees.
Reduction in Field Office Costs. Proposed 25 percent reduction in rental costs by eliminating redundant local field offices in California, with an initial \$5 million reduction in 2016-17 and growing in future years.	Office Space Strategic Plan SRL. The physical office space SRL requires strategic plan for BOE physical office space requirements by February 1, 2017.
Office Space Requirements BBL. Proposal that BOE office space procured by DGS follow State Administrative Manual standards related to state employee work space.	No comparable action.
Vacant Positions	
Reporting to Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC). BBL to require monthly reporting to JLBC on vacant positions, which recently numbered around 470.	No comparable action.
Other Key Issues	
Budget Reductions. Reduced BOE budget by \$11.2 million in 2016-17, including \$5 million for field office costs (as described above), \$1.9 million to eliminate BOE legislative positions, \$2.7 million to cut remaining BOE executive department by 25 percent, and \$1.6 million to cut external affairs budget by 25 percent by phasing out positions that do not interact with the public.	No comparable action.
State Auditor Trailer Bill. Proposal that Auditor review BOE outreach and public relations spending by March 2017.	No comparable action.