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Minnesota House of Representatives

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Re: State Office Building remodel proposal

CAAPB Board Members,

Thank you for holding this working session. Below are several questions regarding the State Office Building remodel proposal and its implications.

1. Why is the only option on the table to expand the physical footprint of the building and specifically to the North into Leif Erikson Park?
2. What consideration was given to blueprints using the current footprint?
3. From the focus working groups of the State Office Building, who suggested expanding the footprint of the building?
4. Could the top principles of need be met using the current footprint of the building?
5. If the renovation plans only considered the current footprint, what would the cost estimates be for the project to meet the major concerns raised by the facility condition assessment?
6. The State Office Building currently contains several offices that are unaffiliated with the House of Representatives. What consideration was given to relocating these other entities to better suit their needs among current state managed property within St. Paul?
7. If the purpose of the plan was to deal with the deficiencies of the current building, should the cost be far more in line with the Minnesota Senate Building and near \$100M?
8. In design, what consideration was given to taking the building up rather than North into Leif Erikson Park?
9. Were any other architects consulted about this proposal?
10. What public engagement measures were taken, and feedback received from the proposal regarding the impacts to greenspace around the Capitol during and following the renovation?
11. What considerations have been made regarding parking considering the expansion, safety, and greater public access to the building?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac Schultz".

Isaac Schultz
State Representative

