

DUPLICATE AND SIMILAR BILLS INTRODUCED DURING THE 1999 SESSION

INTRODUCTION

This memorandum is in response to a request to identify those bills introduced in the 56th Legislative Assembly which were identical or similar to another bill. This request was based on a suggestion made on the legislative process questionnaire that legislators requesting similar bill drafts be put in contact with each other to save time, energy, and money. During the 1999 session, 442 Senate bills and 495 House bills were introduced. The following table numerically totals all measures introduced:

Type of Measure	Senate	House
Bills	442	495
Concurrent resolutions	59	81
Memorial resolutions	1	1

DUPLICATE BILLS

For purposes of this memorandum, "duplicate bills" is used to describe bills having identical text, with the difference being sponsors or house of origin. Four bills were identical to four other bills:

1. **Senate Bill No. 2123 and House Bill No. 1376, relating to contingent per student payments and supplemental salary increases for certain school district employees.** Senate Bill No. 2123 was introduced on January 5 and referred to the Senate Education Committee, received a do not pass recommendation, and failed to pass the Senate on February 5. House Bill No. 1376 was introduced on January 18 and referred to the House Education Committee, received a do not pass recommendation, and failed to pass the House on February 12.
2. **Senate Bill No. 2124 and House Bill No. 1228, relating to state employee compensation legislation.** Senate Bill No. 2124 was introduced on January 5, referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee, and withdrawn on January 8. House Bill No. 1228 was introduced on January 11 and referred to the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee, received a do not pass recommendation, and failed to pass the House on February 8.
3. **House Bill No. 1221 and House Bill No. 1337, relating to farmed elk.** House Bill No. 1221 was introduced on January 8 and referred to the House Agriculture Committee and was withdrawn on January 15. House Bill No. 1337 was introduced on January 12,

passed both houses, and was signed by the Governor on March 8.

4. **House Bill No. 1469 and Senate Bill No. 2413, relating to a North Dakota Human Rights Commission.** House Bill No. 1469 was introduced on January 18 and referred to the House Appropriations Committee, received a do not pass recommendation, and failed to pass the House on February 17. Senate Bill No. 2413 was introduced on January 25 and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, was amended to delete the appropriation, and passed the Senate on February 17. In the House, Senate Bill No. 2413 was referred to the House Appropriations Committee, received a do not pass recommendation, and failed to pass the House on March 19.

BILLS WITH IDENTICAL PROVISIONS

Several bills relating to agriculture were introduced with one or more provisions identical to one or more provisions of other bills (this portion of the memorandum does not include those bills or portions of bills that may have been incorporated into other bills after introduction). Except for House Bill No. 1256, which was introduced on January 11, all of the bills described in this portion of the memorandum were introduced on January 18. Those bills, and the provisions that are identical, are:

Senate Bill No. 2337 and House Bill No. 1394. Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2337, relating to tax exemptions for beginning farmers, was identical to Section 1 (the only section) of House Bill No. 1394.

Senate Bill No. 2338 and House Bill No. 1483 and House Bill No. 1484. (State Board of Agricultural Research and appropriations for the Pride of Dakota program, developing standards for wheat quality, monitoring agricultural production standards, research, and promotion of agricultural products). Sections 1 and 9 of Senate Bill No. 2338 were identical to Sections 1 and 2 (the only sections) of House Bill No. 1483. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Senate Bill No. 2338 were identical to Sections 1 through 7 (the only sections) of House Bill No. 1484.

Senate Bill No. 2340 and House Bill No. 1419 and House Bill No. 1476. (Appropriations for the development of a strategic transportation plan, strategic irrigation plan, value-added agriculture, and marketing North Dakota products). Sections 1, 2, and 4 of Senate Bill No. 2340 were identical to Sections 1 through 3 (the only sections) of House Bill