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My name is Steven Vetter representing district 18.

Outside of being a legislator, I work as a real property certified appraiser. A little over a year ago, I was elected to the board of directors for the NDAA. The job of the NDAA is to promote the appraisal profession, works on real estate issues and promote public trust. This bill is a bill hoping

SB 1225 is simple and inexpensive bill that will have a significant impact on underserved rural areas that currently have very limited property data. It gives everyone in the state readily available property information. This benefits all ND citizens as they also have readily available property tax information to compare your house to other similar houses.

The bill appropriates money to set up tax assessor web sites with property information for all counties and large cities with current sites on some level. The bill requires the tax assessor sites to at minimum have these options:

- Integrate with a computer-assisted mass appraisal system.
- Use a consistent format to display property and property tax information for all properties.
- Include any available pictures or sketches associated with each property.
- Provide access to property tax estimates based on data from a computer- assisted mass appraisal system.
- Have options to keep exempt and confidential information from being publicly accessible.
- Allow users to perform basic and advanced searches of property and property tax information, including search options for comparable sales and by property classification for residential, commercial, and agriculture properties.

Let me show you what the bill does. The best way to explain the bill is if you to follow along with by going to rthdakotaassessors.com (Go through the site and explain.) 28 white 5 blue 30 yellow 1 grey

In preparation for this I realized the most important part of this conversation is the money so I wanted to get the most accurate number. I have a quote of what it would cost to implement the objective of the bill. The quote comes from the most prominent company used by the majority of counties and large cities already in North Dakota. We have a few counties and cities that use a different company for the assessor site and less than half of counties have not assessor site. The quote includes the maintenance cost for of all the counties and large cities with sites. This cost is \$294,000. This would be an ongoing cost. The bill also includes a one-time cost of \$130,000 to set up site for all the current counties that has assessor sites.

However, after compiling the fiscal note, there might be a few extra costs as there: Explain. Cost update blue, 4 with no web site.

This bill will have a positive impact on the real estate market and have a significant impact on rural areas or areas with limited current information. For example: (Go through examples) Cooperstown, Grand Forks county/city

Other than benefiting realtors, appraisers, bankers, buyers and sellers, this bill benefits every North Dakota citizen by giving assessable information only available in a little over half ND counties. Property taxes are always a big issue. This bill allows an individual property owner to compare their taxes with comparable properties. If a person is ever to win an argument of why their taxes are too high they have to have credible and reliable information to make their case. Also, if you are going to tackle the issue of property taxes reliable available credible, and verifiable information is a must and this bill helps with that.

One of the jobs of government is to make this information available to citizens. This bill does that. This bill will have a significant impact on the rural and underserved areas in our state. I would humbly ask for a Do Pass recommendation. I will stand for questions.

Organization	FirstName	LastName	Vanguard Website	Parcel Count	Yearly Service
Dakota County	Katie	Roseland	Yes	Not Live Yet	\$2,200
Bowman County	Jodi	Freier	Yes	2,418	\$1,375
Burleigh County	Allan	Vietmeier	Yes	10,900	\$2,750
Cass County	Paul	Fracassi	Yes	19,443	\$3,300
Cavalier County	Stephanie	Bata	Yes	13,224	\$3,300
Dickinson City of	Joe	Hirschfeld	Yes	10,391	\$1,925
Divide County	Mark	Overbo	Yes	7,920	\$2,000
Dunn County	Nicole	Carlson	Yes	2,777	\$962.50
Emmons County	Denise	Nieuwsma	Yes	9,843	\$2,200
Foster County	Karen	Evans	Yes	4,924	\$1,100
Grand Forks City of	Paul	Houdek	Yes	17,188	\$4,400
Grand Forks County	Amber	Gudajtes	Yes	5,425	\$962.50
Hettinger County	Cathy	Ebert	Yes	2,040	\$1,375
McIntosh County	Hope	Schnieder	Yes	8,617	\$2,200
McKenzie County	Katie	Paulson	Yes	6,580	\$2,000
McLean County	Todd	Schreiner	Yes	18,842	\$5,500
Mercer County	Cyndi	Zueger	Yes	10,495	\$2,750
Minot City	Ryan	Kamrowski	Yes	17,872	\$4,400
Mountrail County	Lori	Hanson	Yes	1,624	\$1,237
Oliver County	Patricia	Koapke	Yes	1,119	\$1,100
Pierce County	Kelsey	Siegler	Yes	2,483	\$1,100
Renville County	Diana	Krause	Yes	2,182	\$1,200
Sargent County	LaJuana	Anderson Hayes	Yes	7,794	\$2,200
Sioux County	Heather	Kippen	Yes	Not Live Yet	
Stark County	Natalie	Wandler	Yes	10,953	\$2,475
Steele County	Amy	Czapiewski	Yes	5,812	\$2,475
Valley City	Tina	Current	Yes	2,823	\$962.50
Ward County	Noreen	Barton	Yes	22,619	\$5,500
Watford City	Rita	Olson	Yes	2,371	\$750
West Fargo	Nick	Lee	Yes	13,149	\$4,125
Williams County	Darcy	Anderson	Yes	34,678	\$4,400
TOTAL					\$72,225

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Barnes County	Stacie	Hansen Leier	No	3,487	\$5,000	\$1,375	\$6,375
Billings County	Stacey	Swanson	No	2,148	\$5,000	\$1,375	\$6,375
Bismarck City	Allison	Jensen	No	27,969	\$5,000	\$8,250	\$13,250
Bottineau County	Ashley	Pedie	No	7,309	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Burke County	Brandy	Zepp	No	8,052	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Cooperstown	Farrah	Saxberg	No	5,433	\$5,000	\$1,375	\$6,375
Devils Lake City	Rob	Johnson	No	3,516	\$5,000	\$1,375	\$6,375
Dickey County	Don	Flaherty	No	9,371	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Golden Valley County	Patricia	Davis	No	1,437	\$5,000	\$1,375	\$6,375
Grant County	Jackie	Steinmetz	No	9,622	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
LaMoire County	Denice	Porter	No	9,892	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Logan County	Trisha	Laine	No	1,243	\$5,000	\$1,375	\$6,375
Mandan City	Kimberly	Markley	No	9,354	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
McHenry County	Kristine	Brummond	No	14,629	\$5,000	\$4,125	\$9,125
Morton County	Donald	LaFleur	No	14,955	\$5,000	\$4,125	\$9,125
New Rockford City of	Kristy	O'Connor	No	5,279	\$5,000	\$1,375	\$6,375
Pembina County	Mikka	Willits	No	13,000	\$5,000	\$4,125	\$9,125
Ramsey County	Beth	Black	No	15,352	\$5,000	\$4,125	\$9,125
Ransom County	Kristie	Reinke	No	10,245	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Rolette County	Wendy	Belgarde	No	9,205	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Sheridan County	Tanya	Mueller	No	6,858	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Slope County	Joan	Lorge	No	3,532	\$5,000	\$1,375	\$6,375
Towner County	Sheri	Leas	No	8,087	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Trail County	Kayla	Knudson	No	10,606	\$5,000	\$2,750	\$7,750
Walsh County	Ed	Sevigny	No	15,814	\$5,000	\$4,125	\$9,125
Wells County	Jana	Mogren	No	12,051	\$5,000	\$4,125	\$9,125
Bottineau City of	Ashley	Pedie	Not Available	Remote Only			
Killdeer City of	Debra	Harsche	Not Available	Remote Only			
Roland Township	Addie	Berg	Not Available	Remote Only			
TOTAL					\$130,000	\$74,250	\$204,250