

**2023 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1225**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Appropriations Committee**  
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
1/26/2023

BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.an exemption.
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**9:12 AM Chairman Vigesaa-** Hearing was called to order and roll call was taken:

**Members present;** Chairman Vigesaa, Representative Kempenich, Representative B. Anderson, Representative Bellew, Representative Brandenburg, Representative Kreidt, Representative Martinson, Representative Mitskog, Representative Meier, Representative Mock, Representative Monson, Representative Nathe, Representative J. Nelson, Representative O'Brien, Representative Pyle, Representative Richter, Representative Sanford, Representative Schatz, Representative Schobinger, Representative Strinden, Representative J. Stemen and Representative Swiontek.

**Members not Present-** Representative Hanson

**Discussion Topics:**

- Tax Assessor Web Site
- Under served Rural Areas

**Representative Vetter-** Introduces HB 1225 (Testimony #17080 & ND Assessor link [NorthDakotaAssessors.com](http://NorthDakotaAssessors.com) - Your Hub for Assessors Offices and Parcel Data)

**Dean Ryland- Chairman ND Appraiser Association-** Spoke in favor of HB 1225

**Dee Wald- ND Office of State Tax Commissioner-** Neutral oral testimony.

**Additional written testimony:** Joe Summers- ND Appraisers Association/President #16942

**Chairman Vigesaa** Closed the meeting for HB 1225 at 9:51 AM

*Risa Berube, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
2/8/2023

BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.an exemption.

**4:03 PM Chairman Vigesaa-** Meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

**Members present;** Chairman Vigesaa, Representative Kempenich, Representative B. Anderson, Representative Bellew, Representative Brandenburg, Representative Hanson, Representative Kreidt, Representative Martinson, Representative Mitskog, Representative Meier, Representative Monson, Representative Nathe, Representative J. Nelson, Representative O'Brien, Representative Pyle, Representative Richter, Representative Sanford, Representative Strinden, Representative G. Stemen and Representative Swiontek.

**Member not Present-** Representative Mock, Representative Schatz, and Representative Schobinger

**Discussion Topics:**

- Online Property Assessment
- State Funding

**Representative Mitskog-** Explains some clarification on the bill.

**Representative Brandenburg-** Move for a DO Not Pass

**Representative Kempenich -**Seconds the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	N

Representative David Monson	A
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	A
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	N
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	N
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	A
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

**Motion Carries 17-3-3 Representative Brandenburg will carry the bill.**

**Chairman Vigesaa** Closed the meeting for HB 1225 4:13 PM

*Risa Berube, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1225: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (17 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1225 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2023 SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION**

**HB 1225**

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Finance and Taxation Committee**  
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
3/7/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.
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**10:30 AM Chairman Kannianen** opened hearing.

Senator Present: **Kannianen, Weber, Patten, Rummel, Piepkorn, Magrum.**

**Discussion Topics:**

- Commercial property
- Residential property
- County savings
- Appraiser contribution
- Agency responsibility

**10:32 AM Representative Vetter** introduced bill (#25374).

**11:02 AM Dean Rylander, Chair for ND Association of Appraisers**, verbally testified in favor.

**11:20 AM Bill Wocken, ND League of Cities**, verbally testified in opposition.

**11:26 AM Greg Hoffman, Deputy CEO for ND Information Technology**, verbally testified neutral.

**11:30 AM Chairman Kannianen** adjourned hearing.

*Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Finance and Taxation Committee**  
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
3/14/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.
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**3:19 PM Chairman Kannianen** opened meeting.

Senator Present: **Kannianen, Weber, Patten, Rummel, Piepkorn, Magrum.**

**Discussion Topics:**

- Rural areas
- Central data location
- Software

**Chairman Kannianen** reviewed bill progress and provided information verbally.

**Senator Rummel** provided verbal information.

**3:30 PM Chairman Kannianen** adjourns meeting.

*Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk*



# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Finance and Taxation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
3/20/2023

Relating to an online tax portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and tax information.
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**11:15 AM Senator Kannianen** opened the meeting. Senator Present: **Kannianen, Weber, Patten, Rummel, Piepkorn, Magrum.**

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

**11:15 AM Senator Weber** moved Do Pass and Re-Refer to Appropriations.

**11:15 AM Senator Rummel** seconded.

Roll call vote

Roll call vote. <b>Senators</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Senator Jordan Kannianen	N
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	N
Senator Dale Patten	N
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	N
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Failed 2-4-0

**11:16 AM Senator Patten** moved AMENDMENT, "To convert bill to a study."

**11:17 AM Senator Magrum** seconded.

**11:17 AM** Chairman Kannianen tabled the vote until this afternoon, March 20, 2023 at 2:40pm. (All Senators were present.)

**11:17 AM Chairman Kannianen** closed the meeting.

*Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Finance and Taxation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
3/20/2023

Relating to an online tax portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and tax information.

**2:40 PM Chairman Kannianen** opened the meeting. Senators Present: **Kannianen, Weber, Patten, Rummel, Piepkorn, Magrum.**

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

**2:41 PM Senator Patten** proposed amendment LC 23.0060.04001 #25990.

**2:42 PM** During the morning meeting (March 20, 2023 at 11:15am), Senator Patten moved amendment LC 23.0060.04001, Senator Magrum seconded. The vote was held open. The roll call vote was held.

Senators	Vote
Senator Jordan Kannianen	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Senator Dale Patten	Y
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Passed 6-0-0

**2:44 PM Senator Patten** moved DO Pass as Amended.

**2:44 PM Senator Piepkorn** seconded.

Roll call vote

Senators	Vote
Senator Jordan Kannianen	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Senator Dale Patten	Y
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Passed 6-0-0

Senator Piepkorn will carry the bill.

**2:45 PM Chairman Kannianen** closed the meeting.

*Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk*

March 20, 2023

JA  
3-20-23

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1225

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to an online tax portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and tax information."

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the integration of an online portal or promulgating online access for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information based on county geographic information system data and electronic property information. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1225: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Kannianen, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1225 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to an online tax portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and tax information.

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**2023 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1225**

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
3/27/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.
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9:29 AM Chairman Sorvaag opened the hearing on HB 1225.

Members present: Senators Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Rust, Schaible, and Meyer

### Discussion Topics:

- Property tax information
- County tax authorities
- On-line information
- Low data counties
- Appraisers

9:30 AM Representative Steve Vetter introduced the bill, testimony # 26666.

9:45 AM Dean Rylander, North Dakota Appraisers, testified in favor, no written testimony

10:06 AM Joe Sheehan, Benchmark Mortgage, testified in favor, no written testimony

10:18 AM Brian Kroshus, North Dakota Tax Commissioner, testified neutral, suggested the bill be amended to change administration, no written testimony

### Additional written testimony:

- **Michelle Linstad, Nelson County Tax Director, testimony against #26601**

10:20 AM Chairman Sorvaag closed the hearing.

*Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
4/3/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.

10:17 AM Chairman Sorvaag opened the hearing on HB 1225.

Members present: Senators Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Rust, Schaible, and Meyer

### Discussion Topics:

- Property tax information
- County tax authorities
- On-line information
- Low data counties
- Appraisers
- Committee action

10:20 AM Senator Meyer moved to draft amendment to replace “Tax Commissioner” with “IT Department”, no written amendment drafted.

10:20 AM Senator Meyer moved to adopt the amendment, replace “Tax Commissioner” and replace with “IT Department” verbally drafted.  
Senator Krebsbach seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator David S. Rust	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0.

10:23 AM Senator Meyer moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.  
Senator Krebsbach seconded the motion.

10:25 AM Senator Meyer withdrew his motion.

10:26 AM Chairman Sorvaag closed the hearing.

*Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
4/5/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.

9:00 AM Chairman Sorvaag opened the meeting on HB 1225.

Members present: Senators Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Rust, Schaible, and Meyer

### Discussion Topics:

- Amendments
- Committee action

9:02 AM Senator Meyer introduced amendment LC 23.0060.04003, testimony # 27313.

9:03 AM Senator Meyer moved to adopt amendment 23.0060.04003.  
Senator Schaible seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator David S. Rust	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

9:07 AM Senator Meyer moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.  
Senator Schaible seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator David S. Rust	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0.

Senator Meyer will carry the bill to the full committee.

9:20 AM Chairman Sorvaag closed the meeting.

*Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk*



# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
4/6/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.

8:10 AM Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing on HB 1225.

Members present: Senators Bekkedahl, Krebsbach, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Erbele, Kreun, Meyer, Roers, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, Wanzek, Rust, and Mathern.

### Discussion Topics:

- Online property tax information
- Committee action

8:10 AM Senator Meyer introduced amendment LC 23.0060.04003, testimony # 27355.

8:13 AM Senator Meyer moved to adopt AMENDMENT 23.0060.04003.  
Senator Burckhard seconded the motion

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Curt Kreun	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Jim P. Roers	Y
Senator David S. Rust	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion passed 16-0-0.

8:14 AM Senator Meyer moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.  
Senator Vedaa seconded the motion.

<b>Senators</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Curt Kreun	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Jim P. Roers	Y
Senator David S. Rust	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion passed 16-0-0.

Senator Meyer will carry the bill.

8:17 AM Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

*Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk*

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*4-6-23*

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1225

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to an online tax portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and tax information."

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ONLINE PROPERTY TAX PORTAL.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the integration of an online portal or promulgating online access for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information based on county geographic information system data and electronic property information. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1225: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1225 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

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Renumber accordingly

**2023 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1225**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Appropriations Committee**  
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1225  
4/20/2023  
Conference Committee

BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to an online tax portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and tax information
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**10:02 AM Chairman Schobinger** – Called the meeting to order and roll call was taken-

**Members Present-** Chairman Schobinger, Representative Schatz and Representative Mitskog, Chairman Rummel, Senator Magrum, and Senator Piepkorn

## **Discussion Topics:**

- **Amendment**

**Chairman Schobinger-** Opens discussion, committee discusses proposed amendment 23.0060.04006 (Testimony #27735)

**Representative Schatz** Move to adopt amendment 23.0060.04006

**Representative Mitskog-** Seconds the Motion

Committee Discussion

## **Motions are withdrawn**

**Representative Schatz** Move for the Senate to recede from their amendments and further amend by adopting amendment 23.0060.04006 and further amend by changing the money to 300 thousand

**Representative Mitskog-** Seconds the Motion

**Committee Discussion- Roll call vote- Motion Carriers 5-1-0**

**Representative Schobinger and Senator Magrum will carry the bill**

**10:23 AM Chairman Schobinger** -Closes the meeting for HB 1225

*Risa Berube, Committee Clerk*

*AG*  
*4-20-23*  
*(1-2)*

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1225

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on page 1794 of the House Journal and page 1477 of the Senate Journal and that House Bill No. 1225 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, replace "tax commissioner" with "information technology department"

Page 1, line 1, replace "the development of" with "providing grants to counties for expenses related to"

Page 1, line 2, remove "statewide"

Page 1, line 7, replace "\$424,000" with "\$300,000"

Page 1, line 8, replace "tax commissioner" with "information technology department"

Page 1, line 8, replace "developing" with "providing grants to counties for expenses related to"

Page 1, line 9, remove "statewide"

Page 1, line 10, remove "county"

Page 1, line 12, replace "Of the funding provided in this section, \$130,000" with "The information technology department shall develop guidelines for the grants, including an application process. The funding provided in this section"

Page 1, line 14, replace "The" with "If a county receives a grant under this section, the"

Page 1, line 14, after "portal" insert "or online access to electronically accessible property information and property tax information"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1225 - Summary of Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Information Technology Department						
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Tax Commissioner						
Total all funds	\$0	\$424,000	(\$424,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$424,000	(\$424,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$0	\$424,000	(\$124,000)	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$424,000	(\$124,000)	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**House Bill No. 1225 - Information Technology Department - Conference Committee Action**

*AG  
4-20-23  
(2-2)*

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Online property tax portal grants			\$300,000	\$300,000		\$300,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 112 - Information Technology Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	Adds One-Time Funding for Online Portal Grants <sup>1</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
Online property tax portal grants	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total all funds	\$300,000	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	\$300,000	\$300,000
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> One-time funding of \$300,000 from the general fund for the Information Technology Department is added for grants to counties for expenses related to an online portal or online access to electronically accessible property and property tax information.

**House Bill No. 1225 - State Tax Commissioner - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Online property tax portal		\$424,000	(\$424,000)			
Total all funds	\$0	\$424,000	(\$424,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$424,000	(\$424,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 127 - State Tax Commissioner - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	Removes Funding for Online Portal <sup>1</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
Online property tax portal	(\$424,000)	(\$424,000)
Total all funds	(\$424,000)	(\$424,000)
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	(\$424,000)	(\$424,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> An appropriation of \$424,000 from the general fund to the Tax Commissioner for an online property tax portal is removed. The House provided \$424,000, but the Senate removed the funding.



**2023 HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES**

HB 1225 as engrossed

**House Full Appropriations Committee**

- Action Taken**
- HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments
  - HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments and further amend
  - SENATE recede from Senate amendments
  - SENATE recede from Senate amendments and amend as follows
  - Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: Representative Schatz      Seconded by: Representative Mitskog

Representatives	4/20		Yes	No	Senators	4/20		Yes	No
Representative Schobinger	x		X		Senator Rummel	x		X	
Representative Schatz	x		X		Senator Magrum	x		X	
Representative Mitskog	x		X		Senator Piepkorn	x			X
Total Rep. Vote			3		Total Senate Vote			2	1

Vote Count      Yes: 5      No: 1      Absent: 0

House Carrier Representative Schobinger      Senate Carrier Senator Magrum

LC Number 23.0060 . 04007 of amendment

LC Number 23.0060 . 07000 of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1225:** Your conference committee (Sens. Rummel, Magrum, Piepkorn and Reps. Schobinger, Schatz, Mitskog) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1794, adopt amendments as follows, and place HB 1225 on the Seventh order:

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on page 1794 of the House Journal and page 1477 of the Senate Journal and that House Bill No. 1225 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, replace "tax commissioner" with "information technology department"

Page 1, line 1, replace "the development of" with "providing grants to counties for expenses related to"

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Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1225 - Summary of Conference Committee Action**

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Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Tax Commissioner						
Total all funds	\$0	\$424,000	(\$424,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$424,000	(\$424,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$0	\$424,000	(\$124,000)	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$424,000	(\$124,000)	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000

FTE 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

**House Bill No. 1225 - Information Technology Department - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Online property tax portal grants			\$300,000	\$300,000		\$300,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
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**House Bill No. 1225 - State Tax Commissioner - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
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**Department 127 - State Tax Commissioner - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	Removes Funding for Online Portal <sup>1</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
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HB 1225 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**TESTIMONY**

**HB 1225**



January 25, 2023

The Honorable Don Vigesaa  
North Dakota House of Representatives  
Chair, Appropriations Committee

RE: H.B. 1225

Dear Chairman, Vigesaa, and Appropriations Committee Members.

The North Dakota Appraisers Association was established in 2016 and represents 150 Appraiser Members. We represent, advocate for, and promote the appraisal profession in the State of North Dakota. Our goal is to build productive relationships with individuals, associations, and organizations within the real estate industry. We aim to promote positive impacts on the appraisal profession and find solutions to issues that impact the public of North Dakota.

House Bill 1225 is a positive solution for North Dakota citizens, and its real estate professionals. This Bill enables all North Dakota Counties the ability to move important property data online. This software will enhance efficiencies, accuracy, and move North Dakota into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by providing real time data to the State Tax Commissioner.

These functions will also have a positive outcome for the appraisal profession. Access to quick and reliable data is one of the biggest hurdles facing appraisers. This data becomes even more scarce in rural underserved areas of the State. We believe this Bill will provide a positive impact for the public, especially in rural areas of North Dakota.

The North Dakota Appraisers Association supports H.B. 1225 and asks this Committee for a "Do Pass" recommendation. Mr. Dean Rylander, Government Affairs Committee (Chair), will testify at the hearing on behalf of the North Dakota Appraisers Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Summers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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01/26/2023

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

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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.



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Chairman and Tax & Finance Committee

My name is Steven Vetter representing district 18.

I along with the support of the Appraiser Association introduced this bill to solve the ongoing problem for underserved rural areas with limited data access. This bill seeks to provide data and therefore allow real estate professionals to better serve these areas. HB 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 so this benefits all ND citizens as they also have readily available property tax information to compare your house to other similar houses.

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As a result this bill is really about 3 things:

Serving the underserved counties while eliminating the "hidden tax" of buying a house in a small town ,  
 Making our government more efficient by giving our assessors a computer assisted mass appraisal system for the whole state and providing search engines to our citizens for property information while keeping certain information exempt and confidential.

The underserved counties: there are many areas in this state that simply cannot get a timely appraisal for selling their home or property. In order to sell a home that has financing, an appraisal must occur. With the absence of appraisers in these areas creates a huge problem, as a seller can expect to wait months.

But in the event that an appraiser is available, it will typically be at an elevated rate. This problem is two-fold, as the value of the home tends to be lower in an underserved area, and the appraiser is being forced to charge a substantially higher rate due to both their travel, and lost time from learning about the area in question and the lack of data. It is not unusual to see an appraiser charge double or even 2.5 times their normal rate, and as a result it is not uncommon to see 1200\$+ appraisal prices in underserved areas. By way of comparison, in the major cities an appraisal is roughly 600\$/home. This means, that when combined with the lower value of the homes on average, an appraisal in a city will be .25% of the value of an average home, while an appraisal in a underserved area is generally expected to be roughly 1%-1.5% of the value of an average home. This creates a hidden tax on rural communities every single time a property is sold, which makes realizing the capital gains from a house that much more difficult. In this body, we fight to lower property taxes constantly, and yet if this bill fails, we will be continuing a hidden tax due to the government failing to provide adequate information.

This bill isn't just about appraisers and the public who use their services, it benefits so many more.

This benefits the lending industry and the real estate profession with better access to data.

And benefits to the consumers of their products.

Benefit to the County Assessors to have better operating software and it promotes efficiencies by using a statewide computer assisted mass appraisal system.

Benefit to the Tax department with real time data with more accuracy for better tax revenue.

Benefit to the State with real time data with more accuracy and better statewide data. How do we tackle the issue of property tax reform without accurate real time data?

Why would we not want more accurate reported information for our state decision makers?

But most of all, this bill benefits the individual citizen. Every ND citizen should the same access to property information regardless of where in the state that they live.

It is no coincidence that areas which are underserved also don't have very good data?

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Sixty-eighth  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1225**

Introduced by

Representatives Vetter, Brandenburg, Dyk, Fegley, Klemin, Louser, Steiner, Vigasaa

Senators Bekkedahl, Kreun, Meyer, Myrdal

A BILL ~~for an Act to provide an appropriation to the tax commissioner for the development of an online portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information~~ for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to an online tax portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and tax information.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

~~**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION — ONLINE TAX PORTAL — ONE TIME FUNDING.**~~

- ~~1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$424,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the tax commissioner for the purpose of developing an online portal or promulgating online access for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information based on county geographic information system data and electronic property information, for the biennium beginning July, 1 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Of the funding provided in this section, \$130,000 is considered a one-time funding item.~~
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**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY – ONLINE TAX PORTAL.**

During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the integration of an online portal or promulgating online access for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information based on county geographic information system data and electronic property information. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

# NELSON COUNTY TAX EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT

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2023 Senate Appropriations – Education and Environment Division  
Honorable Senator Brad Bekkedahl, Chairman  
North Dakota State Capitol

Dear Senator Bekkedahl and Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee:

My name is Michelle Linstad and I am the current Tax Director of Nelson County. I have had this position now for 25 years. Of that, I have asked repeatedly for a valuation program to help me assist with property cards. When I first started in 1998, I had an assessor for each of the 5 cities and each of the 27 townships. I am now the assessor for 5 of the 7 cities and 19 of the 27 townships. When the prior assessor resigned/quit from these jurisdictions, I was left with little to no property card information.

I have a number of completed cards, from my own assessments and a few from the current two assessors I have left in the county. I do not have the time or resources to complete a county wide revaluation by myself. I feel this is a service that should be done for the county, I just simply do not have the means to do so with the limited paper copies of properties I currently have.

Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. have presented their product to the commissioners twice to no avail. I have attached the proposal from Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. for a mass reappraisal of Nelson County. As you can see, the bid is quite substantial.

There is also an issue of “unplatted lands” surrounding all of our cities. Many of these legal descriptions are vague at best in our tax program. (Pt. of the SW1/4SW1/4) There will need to be additional time and work done to look up deeds and have them drawn in appropriately for the program. The same issue was true with the soils survey and its implementation in this county. Many years were spent looking up deeds and having the company interpret those deeds to have them drawn in correctly. Nelson County started on the soils survey project in 2008 and completed the project in 2017. This is the same case with city properties, it will take time.



I fully understand the frustration of appraisers, financial institutions and the public on this matter. I am also frustrated and frightened by the thought of a mass reappraisal by myself of the entire county with a program I am currently not familiar with and the manpower I do not have. This is a single person office. I truly need more than a program. I understand some of the program, but since we do not own it, I have not learned the hard core bits and pieces of it yet.

I have several questions with HB 1225:

- 1) Is the \$5,000 for the counties just for the program?
  - a. What about maintenance?
- 2) Is there a deadline to have this process completed?
  - a. Does this differ from date of publication to the web?
- 3) Will there be a fine if that deadline is not met?
- 4) Is there room for more dollars for a mass appraisal to be done?

At this point, I feel there are too many unanswered questions to this unfunded mandated bill.

I strongly urge a "Do Not Pass" of HB 1225.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Linstad  
Nelson County Tax Director



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July 7, 2022

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**RE: All Class Revaluation**

Dear Michelle:

Thank you for inquiring about our appraisal services. We have a wide range of appraisal services that we can implement to enhance your office operation. These services, together with Vanguard Computer Systems programs, will form a complete appraisal system that will efficiently make use of county resources for everyone's benefit.

As per your request, I have developed a reappraisal cost estimate for your urban residential, rural residential, commercial, and grain elevator classed properties. The cost estimate includes on-site inspections, verification of all land dimensions and improvement sizes, sales analysis, land valuation, complete cost and depreciation table setting, digital photographs, etc.

The project breakdown would be as follows:

Assumes project work completed in 2027 for the February 1, 2028 assessment date:

Urban Residential Improved	1,011	Parcels @	\$210.00	=	\$212,310.00
Rural Residential Improved	340	Parcels @	\$219.00	=	\$74,460.00
Commercial Improved	252	Parcels @	\$440.00	=	\$110,880.00
Grain Elevators	6	Sites @	\$2,750.00	=	\$16,500.00
Vacant Land	488	Parcels @	\$25.00	=	\$12,200.00
<b>Revaluation Total</b>					<b>\$426,350.00</b>

Thank you again for contacting Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. for your appraisal needs. We look forward to working with you to tailor a reappraisal project which meets the needs of Nelson County. Please feel free to contact me anytime should you have any additional questions including a possible demonstration of our services to your board.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Ehler, ASA-ICA  
President



# North Dakota House of Representatives

STATE CAPITOL  
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## Representative Steve Vetter

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03/07/2023

Chairman and Tax & Finance Committee

My name is Steven Vetter representing district 18.

I along with the support of the Appraiser Association introduced this bill to solve the ongoing problem for underserved rural areas with limited data access. This bill seeks to provide data and therefore allow real estate professionals to better serve these areas. HB 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 so 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 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 your to follow along with by going to [northdakotaassessors.com](http://northdakotaassessors.com) (Go through the site and explain.) 28 white 5 blue 30 yellow 1 grey Show differences in County sites.

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 already in North Dakota. We can do all this with a rounding error of state's money. The bill has \$130,000 of one-time funding that sets up tax assessor websites to the counties that currently don't have one. The individual cost is \$5000.

As a result this bill is really about 3 things:

Serving the underserved counties while eliminating the "hidden tax" of buying a house in a small town ,  
 Making our government more efficient by giving our assessors a computer assisted mass appraisal system for the whole state and providing search engines to our citizens for property information while keeping certain information exempt and confidential.

The underserved counties: there are many areas in this state that simply cannot get a timely appraisal for selling their home or property. In order to sell a home that has financing, an appraisal must occur. With the absence of appraisers in these areas creates a huge problem, as a seller can expect to wait months.

But in the event that an appraiser is available, it will typically be at an elevated rate. This problem is two-fold, as the value of the home tends to be lower in an underserved area, and the appraiser is being forced to charge a substantially higher rate due to both their travel, and lost time from learning about the area in question and the lack of data. It is not unusual to see an appraiser charge double or even 2.5 times their normal rate, and as a result it is not uncommon to see 1200\$+ appraisal prices in underserved areas. By way of comparison, in the major cities an appraisal is roughly 600\$/home. This means, that when combined with the lower value of the homes on average, an appraisal in a city will be .25% of the value of an average home, while an appraisal in a underserved area is generally expected to be roughly 1%-1.5% of the value of an average home. This creates a hidden tax on rural communities every single time a property is sold, which makes realizing the capital gains from a house that much more difficult. In this body, we fight to lower property taxes constantly, and yet if this bill fails, we will be continuing a hidden tax due to the government failing to provide adequate information.

This bill isn't just about appraisers and the public who use their services, it benefits so many more.

This benefits the lending industry and the real estate profession with better access to data.

And benefits to the consumers of their products.

Benefit to the County Assessors to have better operating software and it promotes efficiencies by using a statewide computer assisted mass appraisal system.

Benefit to the Tax department with real time data with more accuracy for better tax revenue.

Benefit to the State with real time data with more accuracy and better statewide data. How do we tackle the issue of property tax reform without accurate real time data?

Why would we not want more accurate reported information for our state decision makers?

But most of all, this bill benefits the individual citizen. Every ND citizen should the same access to property information regardless of where in the state that they live.

It is no coincidence that areas which are underserved also don't have very good data?

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.



<b>Organization</b>	<b>FirstName</b>	<b>LastName</b>	<b>Vanguard Website</b>	<b>Parcel Count</b>	<b>Yearly Service</b>
Adams 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
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$72,225</b>

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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
LaMoure 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
Traill 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			
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$74,250</b>	<b>\$204,250</b>

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1225**

Introduced by

Representatives Vetter, Brandenburg, Dyk, Fegley, Klemin, Louser, Steiner, Vigesaa

Senators Bekkedahl, Kreun, Meyer, Myrdal

1 | A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the ~~tax commissioner~~information technology  
2 | department for the development of providing grants to counties for expenses related to an online  
3 | portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information.

4 | **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 | **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ONLINE TAX PORTAL - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

- 6 | 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not  
7 | otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$424,000~~\$370,000, or so much of the sum as may  
8 | be necessary, to the ~~tax commissioner~~information technology department for the  
9 | purpose of ~~developing~~providing grants to counties for expenses related to an online  
10 | portal or promulgating online access for electronically accessible statewide property  
11 | information and property tax information based on county geographic information  
12 | system data and electronic property information, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
13 | 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Of the funding provided in this section, ~~\$130,000~~The  
14 | information technology department shall develop guidelines for the grants, including  
15 | an application process. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time  
16 | funding item.
- 17 | 2. ~~The~~If a county receives a grant under this section, the online portal or online access to  
18 | electronically accessible property information and property tax information must:
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  - 21 | properties.
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