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TO: Honorable Harvey Hilderbran, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation, & Tourism

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB884 by Seaman (Relating to the creation of an oyster license moratorium program.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 76 of the Parks and Wildlife Code to require the Parks and Wildlife Commission to create a license moratorium program for the commercial oyster fishery. Under the bill, issuance and renewal of commercial oyster licenses would be based on historical participation in the fishery. The bill would also mandates the creation of an Oyster License Moratorium Review Board to advise the Commission on administration and policies of the program. No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, because the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicates the bill would not create new duties for current staff who manage the license program. The bill would take effect immediately with a two-thirds vote of all members; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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