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TO: Honorable Bob Hall, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture

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IN RE: HB2321 by Morrison (Relating to the regulation of oyster harvesting; increasing a criminal penalty.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code by creating a Class A, Class B, and making punishable as a Class C certain Class A misdemeanor offenses related to illegal harvesting of oysters from public lands during the night that are closed to oystering by the Parks and Wildlife Commission or restricted from oystering by the Department of State Health Services.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies. Additional information can be found in the criminal justice impact statement.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Parks and Wildlife Department, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304
 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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