

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1855

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Wittman

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:** Aquaculture

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill sets guidelines for the placement of temporary shellfish enclosures in state waters. The bill requires that the leaseholder provide notice to the Marine Resources Commission before placing enclosures and that the commission may publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area. The bill also provides guidelines for responding to public comments on the placement of temporary enclosures. The bill requires the commission to publish regulations within 280 days of enactment.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Marine Resources Commission would incur costs associated with publishing the placement of temporary enclosures and conducting public meetings on the proposal. The costs may not be quantified at this time, because the number of proposed placements is unknown at this time. If the costs are minimal, then the commission may absorb the costs.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Marine Resources Commission.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** The bill requires the commission to publish regulations within 280 days of enactment.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources