

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB138

House of Origin     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
Second House       In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Pollard

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses.

**4. Title:**        **Aquaculture opportunity zones; Marine Resources Commission establish for propagation of shellfish.**

**5. Summary:** This bill authorizes the Marine Resources Commission to establish aquaculture opportunity zones for the propagation of commercial shellfish. The Commission may set a single fee for the application and use of the zones.

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

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Possibly.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The revenue from a single fee cannot be determined because it is uncertain how much the fee will be authorized by the Commission and how many applications will be received.

If the fee revenues are considered nongeneral fund, then the appropriation may be made administratively. If the fee revenues are considered general fund, a budget amendment will be needed.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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