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HB-7170

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING AQUACULTURE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill shortens the commercial shellfish harvest season. The bill moves up the start date of issuing fines from July 20 to June 15. To the extent this results in additional violations, there could be an associated revenue gain to the resources of the General Fund. The penalties for violating shellfishing restrictions are subject to a fine of up to \$250. Any additional violations and corresponding revenue anticipated from shortening the harvest season is anticipated to be minimal.

The bill makes various other technical and procedural changes that do not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.