

1-1 By: Kolkhorst, Flores S.B. No. 1215
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 11, 2025;
1-3 February 28, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs; March 17, 2025, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 17, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Perry	X			
1-10	Hancock			X	
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Blanco			X	
1-13	Gutierrez			X	
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-15	Johnson	X			
1-16	Kolkhorst	X			
1-17	Sparks	X			

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the placement of a cultivated oyster in a natural oyster
1-21 bed, a private oyster bed, or coastal waters.
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23 SECTION 1. Chapter 75, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended
1-24 by adding Section 75.01045 to read as follows:
1-25 Sec. 75.01045. PLACEMENT OF CULTIVATED OYSTERS IN CERTAIN
1-26 LOCATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT APPROVAL. (a) A person may place a
1-27 cultivated oyster in a natural oyster bed, a private oyster bed, or
1-28 coastal waters if the department authorizes the placement in
1-29 writing.
1-30 (b) The department shall adopt best management practices
1-31 for authorizing the placement of cultivated oysters under this
1-32 section.
1-33 SECTION 2. Section 75.0106(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
1-34 amended to read as follows:
1-35 (b) No person may place a cultivated oyster in a natural
1-36 oyster bed, a ~~or~~ private oyster bed, or coastal waters, except as
1-37 authorized by Section 75.01045.
1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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