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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Re: HB 2784 Relating to shellfish

Senator Roblan: “HB 2784 makes the Department of Agriculture the lead state agency for commercial shellfish cultivation. The bill also appropriates \$50,000 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture to conduct a statewide pilot program designed to increase the frequency of water quality monitoring and analysis on state lands which can be used for commercial shellfish production.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2784 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”