Bill: HB 1098

Caption: Relating to the importation of Pacific oysters for sale for consumption

Chapter Position: AGAINST

Oral Comments: Pacific oysters are non-native, not only to Texas, but to the United States. Pacific oysters have a history of becoming an invasive species.

Even if triploid or tetraploid oysters were brought in on the assumption that they would not reproduce, their status cannot be verified by just looking at them. Also, oysters have the capability of reverting back to a diploid, which is capable of reproducing.

The risks are too great to native oysters to introduce the non-native Pacific oyster.