## **BILL SUMMARY**

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## **Research Analysis**

The House committee substitute for SB 893 changes the definition of foreign adversary to mean China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. The cs adds that this act does not apply to a company that is in compliance with the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019. The measure authorizes any entity that has a national security agreement with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to purchase, lease or acquire up to 350 acres of agricultural land for the purpose of agricultural research or experimental purposes.

SB 893 creates the Military Installation and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2025. The measure prohibits any foreign principal from a foreign adversary country to own or have an interest greater than 25% in an entity that owns agricultural land in the state. A foreign principal with a de minimis indirect interest may own land. Such entities from foreign adversary countries shall be required to sell, transfer, or divest themselves from the agricultural land within 180 days of the effective date. Any foreign principal that acquires agricultural land or any interest in such land will be required to register with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry within 60 days of the effective date or the date of acquisition, whichever is latest. The measure directs the Department to establish a form for such registration. The measure also provides that foreign principals from foreign adversaries will not be allowed to own or have a controlling interest in land within 10 miles of a military base or installation, giving them 180 days to divest itself of the property.

The measure designates related deeds and contracts as invalid. The foreign entity, the Attorney General, and any qualifying whistleblower will determine whether an entity qualifies under the provisions of this measure. The measure directs the Attorney General to commence an action in district court within the real property if any qualifying entity refuses to divest. The property will be sold in judicial foreclosure if the property is held in violation of the provisions of this measure. If a whistleblower referral results in a divestiture of land, the whistleblower will be entitled to 30% of the proceeds of the land sale. Proceeds of this sale will disbursed as directed in the measure.

The measure prohibits any government or private entity constructing or having access to critical infrastructure from entering into an agreement relating to such infrastructure with a qualifying entity. Software developed by a federally banned corporation or software produced in or by a foreign adversary will not be used in critical infrastructure. The measure requires any company accessing critical infrastructure to provide certification to the Attorney General showing all employee positions in the organization that have access to such infrastructure. Such certification must also attest that the company conducts criminal history checks and that the company does not provide access to critical infrastructure to foreign principals. The measure establishes a maximum fee of \$150.00 for the Attorney General to administer provisions of this measure relating to the certification. The measure directs the Office of Attorney General to establish a

process by which person may submit information or concerned regarding non-notified transactions in Oklahoma.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The committee substitute to SB 893 modifies the definition of foreign adversary, creates the Military Installation and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2025, designates certain related deeds and contracts as invalid, and prohibits entities constructing or having access to critical infrastructure from entering into an agreement relating to such infrastructure with a qualifying entity. The measure is primarily substantive in nature, intended to protect infrastructure and resources, and does not mandate any expenditure by a state agency. Therefore, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.

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