BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The floor amendment for 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.

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 directs the Office of Attorney General to establish a process by which person may submit information or concerned regarding non-notified transactions in Oklahoma.

CHANGES IN FLOOR SUB FROM COMMITTEE SUB

The floor substitute removes sections 6 and 7 from the committee substitute version of the bill. These sections deal with entities entering into contracts with a foreign principal from a foreign adversary country and filing a certification form with the Attorney General to access critical infrastructure.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor substitute to SB 893 removes two sections (§6 and §7) related to contracts between entities and principals from foreign adversaries. However, the measure does not materially alter

the prior fiscal impact statement. 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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