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## **Bill Analysis**

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 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 shall be required to register with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry within 60 days of the effective date. The measure also provides that foreign principals from foreign adversaries shall not be allowed to own or have a controlling interest in land within 10 miles of a military base or installation.

The measure designates related deeds and contracts as invalid. The foreign entity, the Attorney General, and any qualifying whistleblower shall determine whether an entity qualifies under the provisions of this measure. The measure directs the Attorney General to commence an action in district court if any qualifying entity that refuses to divest. The property shall 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 shall be entitled to 30% of the proceeds of the land sale.

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 shall 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 shall 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.

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