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## **Bill Analysis**

SB 1325 the measure authorizes the Department of Commerce to establish and administer the Oklahoma Rural Investment for Sow Farms Program, which shall create investment and jobs in the pig industry that align with traditional farming animal care values as well as offset the costs of compliance with state and federal regulations. The Program shall help update facilities into group housing pens, fund complete removal of gestational crates, fund training of workers, and fund renovation and construction. The measure also creates the Oklahoma Rural Investment for Sow Farms Revolving Fund, which shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for the purpose of implementing and maintaining the Oklahoma Rural Investment for Sow Farms Program. Applicants shall submit all information required by the Department. Preference shall be given to swine operators in the state, operators with certain qualifications, and operators who commit to humane treatment. Consideration shall not be given to individuals outside of the state and operators planning to continue the use of gestational crates.

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