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Bill Analysis

SB 66 creates the Oklahoma Rural Investment for Sow Farms Act of 2023. The measure authorizes the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to establish a program that shall focus on creating investment and jobs in the pig industry that align with traditional farming animal care values and to offset the costs of compliance with state and federal regulations. The program shall allocate funds to update breeding sow pig facilities currently using individual gestation crates into group housing pens, remove gestation crates, renovate and construct housing pens, and train workers. The measure also creates the Oklahoma Rural Investment for Sow Farms Revolving Fund, which shall consist of a one-time appropriation of \$47 million from the Legislature and interest attributable to investments made from the Fund. The monies deposited in the fund shall at no time become part of the general budget of the Department or any other state agency. The measure directs the Department to require eligible applicants to submit information, forms, and reports as are needed to administer the program. Eligibility for the program is outlined in the measure.

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