

# SB148

The priority of UFCW Local 555 legislative programs is to protect and advocate for our member's best interests. This comes in the form of advocating for positive laws that benefit our members, and working to oppose policies that can negatively affect our industries.

## Why add Pharmacy Technicians to the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy (OSBP)?

In 2005, the Oregon Legislature required licensing of all pharmacy technicians. This was a bold step that UFCW Local 555 supported. There are currently over 6,000 certified pharmacy technicians and over 750 first-year pharmacy technicians in Oregon that are regulated by the OSBP. Oregon has a long-standing history of stakeholder participation in her Boards and Commissions. While UFCW legislative programs include monitoring government agency's actions to ensure our members interests are represented, it is important that pharmacy technicians have a voice at the table and are regular participants as policies within this industry are considered.

## Current Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacists

Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician	6154
Pharmacy Technician, First Year	761
Pharmacists	6611

Source: Oregon State Board of Pharmacy as of February 1, 2015

UFCW Local 555 has worked with the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy and other stakeholders to provide an outline of requested qualifications for these potential volunteer board members. Under SB148, licensed pharmacy technicians must, at the time of appointment:

- (A) Be licensed and in good standing to perform the duties of a pharmacy technician in this state;
- (B) Be engaged in the performance of the duties of a pharmacy technician in this state; and
- (C) Have at least three years of experience in performing the duties of a pharmacy technician in this state after licensure

*United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 555 represents over 20,000 workers in Oregon and Southwestern Washington. Our membership is comprised of workers in retail, manufacturing, health care and many other industries. We are a diverse group of workers that have grown into being the largest private sector labor union in Oregon. Local 555 has a rich history dating back to 1936. Our local is chartered by the UFCW International Union, joining us with over 1.3 million workers across the United States and the World.*

