

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Health Care

MEASURE: SB 148 A
CARRIER: Sen. Kruse

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/25/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 02/25, 03/25

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields, Steiner Hayward

Nays: 1 - Knopp

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Alters Board of Pharmacy membership to add two licensed pharmacy technicians. Requires licensed pharmacy technicians to be in good standing, engaged in duties, and have three years of experience. Directs Governor to appoint pharmacy technicians for terms beginning January 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pharmacy technicians want voice at the table
- Balance of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists
- Ability of Board members to understand professional obligations and standards
- Time Board devotes to pharmacy technician issues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Adds two pharmacy technicians to Board of Pharmacy. Directs Governor to appoint pharmacy technicians for terms beginning on January 1, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Pharmacy (Board) aims to ensure public health and safety to Oregonians by creating standards in the practice of pharmacy, and by regulating the quality, manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs. Five members of the Board are licensed pharmacists and two members are from the public. The Board regulates licensure and practice of pharmacy technicians. To obtain Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician licensure, a person must be at least 18 years of age with a GED or high school diploma and must have passed a national certification exam.

Pharmacists are responsible for the work of pharmacy technicians and oversee or verify their work. Some of the tasks of pharmacy technicians are recording non-prescription, patient and medication information into a computer record system, prepackaging and relabeling packages of medication, initiating or accepting electronic refill information, packing, pouring, or placing drugs and chemicals in a container for selling or dispensing, reconstituting prescription medications, bulk compounding (combining ingredients) and preparing parenteral products (injections or infusions).