

WSR 24-15-137
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: On April 19, 2024, the United States Department of Education released its final rule under Title IX. This rule requires institutions of higher education to adopt student disciplinary procedures addressing sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment. The deadline for implementing these new rules is August 1, 2024. Renton Technical College will adopt emergency rules under a separate filing to comply with the deadline on August 2, 2024. This CR-101 notice is notice that rule making will occur to adopt permanent changes to student conduct procedures.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject:
RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To bring the college's student conduct code (the code) into compliance with a new final rule governing sex discrimination grievance procedures recently adopted by the United States Department of Education and to update the code to ensure its prohibited conduct and procedures adequately protect the interests of the college community and the constitutional and procedural rights of individual students.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Department of Education regulates Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jessica Gilmore English, 3000 N.E. 4th Street, Renton, WA 98056, phone 425-235-2463, email jgilmoreenglish@rtc.edu.

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