WSR 24-24-049 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY PIERCE COLLEGE [Filed November 26, 2024, 12:35 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Pierce College is engaging in proposed rule making to update the student conduct code, chapter 132K-135 WAC, in order to be in compliance with the United States Department of Education federal rules regarding Title IX.

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: Pierce College is engaging in the rule-making process to maintain compliance with federal laws regarding Title IX.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Department of Education requires institutions of higher education to be in compliance with Title IX and make appropriate policy and procedure changes which they updated in August 2024.

Process for Developing New Rule: Revised draft of student conduct code will be presented to the following entities for comment: Student advancement council, assistant attorney general, cabinet, and board of trustees.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Julie Draper Davis, 9401 Farwest Drive S.W., Lakewood, WA 98498, phone 253-912-2331, email jdraperdavis@pierce.ctc.edu; or Marie Harris, 9401 Farwest Drive S.W., Lakewood, WA 98498, phone 253-864-3104, email mharris@pierce.ctc.edu.

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