WSR 21-23-034 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY GREEN RIVER COLLEGE [Filed November 8, 2021, 1:02 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: ThE Department of Education (DOE) issued updated Title IX rules on May 22, 2020, which took effect August 14, 2020. These updated rules incorporate the Title IX regulations by amending Green River College's student conduct code requirements in chapter 132J-126 WAC and repealing chapter 132J-300 WAC, Grievance procedure-Sex discrimination. These rule changes are necessary to maintain compliance with DOE requirements. On August 24, 2021, DOE announced that it will no longer enforce the cross-examination requirement in the 2020 regulations. To comply with training and live hearing requirements in the 2020 federal regulations, the college rule changes also add authority to contract with the Washington office of administrative hearings and other contractors to help with these duties.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: The rules specified are being added, amended, or repealed under chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 28B.50.140.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To be in compliance with the new federal regulations.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Godfrey Drake, 12401 S.E. 320th Street, Auburn, WA 98092, phone 253-833-3397, email gdrake@greenriver.edu.

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