

WSR 24-21-159
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: On April 19, 2024, the United States Department of Education formally issued a final rule regarding amendments to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The new regulations strengthen protections against sex discrimination for elementary, high school and postsecondary education students and are scheduled to take effect on August 1, 2024. Wenatchee Valley College has engaged in emergency rule making to meet the August 1, 2024, deadline and now intends to adopt permanent rules to bring its procedure into compliance with the amendments.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 28B.50.140(13); 20 U.S.C § 1092(f); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule requires institutions of higher education to adopt student disciplinary procedures addressing sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment.

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 Lisa N. Turner, 1300 Fifth Street, phone 509-682-6445, email lturner@wvc.edu, website wvc.edu.

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