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WSR 21-06-107 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY PENINSULA COLLEGE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Title IX regulations (85 F.R. 30757) that address the grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment. Updates to the college's student conduct code are necessary to be compliant with federal regulations. Chapter 132A-125 WAC will be repealed in its entirety and new chapter 132A-126 WAC will be submitted. A CR-103E was filed on February 17, 2021 (WSR 21-06-001).

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

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: On May 19, 2020, the Federal Register printed amendments to Title IX regulations (85 F.R. 30757). The new regulations address the grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment and were scheduled to take effect on August 14, 2020. A CR-103E was filed on February 17, 2021 (WSR 21-06-001). Updates to the college's student conduct code are necessary to be compliant with federal regulations. Chapter 132A-125 WAC will be repealed in its entirety and new chapter 132A-126 WAC will be submitted.

Process for Developing New Rule: On May 19, 2020, the Federal Register printed amendments to Title IX regulations (85 F.R. 30757). The new regulations address the grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment and were scheduled to take effect on August 14, 2020.

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