

WSR 21-21-044
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Lower Columbia College's (LCC) code of student conduct rules that pertain to how LCC responds to allegations of sexual harassment consistent with Title IX's prohibition against sex discrimination amending portions of their code of student conduct, specifically, WAC 132M-126-115, 132M-126-145, and 132M-126-155.

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: LCC must amend WAC 132M-126-115, 132M-126-145, and 132M-126-155 to meet new case law and guidance from the Department of Education regarding the federal regulations for Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) that specify how recipients of federal financial assistance covered by Title IX, including postsecondary institutions, must respond to allegations of sexual harassment consistent with Title IX's prohibition against sex discrimination.

Process for Developing New Rule: Normal rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Bryanna Smith, 1600 Maple Street, P.O. Box 3010, Longview, WA 98632, phone 360-442-2100, fax 360-442-2129, TTY 800-833-6388, email rulemaking@lowercolumbia.edu, website <https://lowercolumbia.edu/disclosure/rulemaking.php>; or Kendra Sprague, 1600 Maple Street, P.O. Box 3010, Longview, WA 98632, phone 360-442-2121, fax 360-442-2129, TTY 800-833-6388, email ksprague@lowercolumbia.edu, website <https://lowercolumbia.edu/disclosure/rulemaking.php>.

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