

**WSR 23-03-116**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**SOUTH PUGET SOUND**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 132X-60 WAC, student conduct regarding hazing and modification of supplemental Title IX student conduct procedures.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Washington state legislature, RCW 28B.10.900 through 28B.10.904, 28B.50.140; Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The Washington state legislature adopted chapter 209, Laws of 2022 (Sam's Law). South Puget Sound Community College is updating chapter 132X-60 WAC, Code of student rights and responsibilities (the student conduct code), and other related rules to bring the college into compliance with Sam's Law, and may make other changes to the student conduct code. In addition, changes to the supplemental Title IX student conduct procedures in chapter 132X-60 WAC are being made to reflect changes in the interpretation of the existing Title IX regulations and to clarify some procedural issues.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The state board for community and technical colleges has general supervision and control over the community and technical college system but does not regulate each college's rule-making activity. The United States Department of Education regulates institutions of higher education for compliance with Title IX.

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 Dr. David Pelkey, 2011 Mottman Road S.W., Olympia, WA 98512, phone 360-596-5231, fax 360-596-5709, email dpelkey@spscc.edu, website spscc.edu.

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