

WSR 24-17-134
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
CASCADIA COLLEGE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: To bring Cascadia College's (college) student conduct code (chapter 132Z-115 WAC) into compliance with a new final rule governing sex discrimination grievance procedures recently adopted by the United States Department of Education and to update the code to ensure its prohibited conduct and procedures adequately protect the interests of the college community and the constitutional and procedural rights of individual students.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.50.140, 28B.10.900, 28B.10.904.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: On April 19, 2024, the United States Department of Education released its final rule under Title IX. This rule requires institutions of higher education to adopt student disciplinary procedures addressing sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment. In addition to complying with the new final rule, the college is updating its student conduct code to comply with the antihazing provision of SBH [2SHB] 1751 and RCW 28B.10.900 - [28B.10.]902.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Susan Thomas, 18345 Campus Way N.E., Bothell, WA 98011, phone 425-352-8272, email sthomas@cascadia.edu, website www.cascadia.edu.

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