

WSR 24-22-129  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
LAKE WASHINGTON  
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: New WAC 495D-121-405; repealing WAC 495D-121-460, 495D-121-680, 495D-121-690, 495D-121-700, 495D-121-710, 495D-121-720, 495D-121-730, 495D-121-740, 495D-121-750 and 495D-121-760; and amending WAC 495D-121-320, 495D-121-330, 495D-121-340, 495D-121-350, 495D-121-380, 495D-121-390, 495D-121-400, 495D-121-420, 495D-121-430, 495D-121-440, 495D-121-450, 495D-121-570, 495D-121-580, 495D-121-590, and 495D-121-600.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.50.140(13).

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. The deadline for implementing this new rule is August 1, 2024.

In addition to complying with the new final rule, Lake Washington Institute of Technology (college) is updating its student conduct code to address recommended language around Title IX. These new definitions of prohibited behavior and updated procedures are necessary to address conduct that may pose a threat to the general welfare of the college community and/or college operations and to protect the constitutional and procedural rights of individual students.

Process for Developing New Rule: Compliance with federal rules or standards.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Dr. Ruby Hayden, 11605 132nd Avenue N.E., Kirkland, WA 98034, phone 425-739-8200, email ruby.hayden@lwtech.edu.

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