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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: On April 19, 2024, the United States (U.S.) Department of Education released its final rule under Title IX. This rule required institutions of higher education to adopt student disciplinary procedures addressing sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment based on gender identity, and Renton Technical College (college) adopted those changes in the permanent rule process on November 30, 2024. On January 9, 2025, a U.S. district court vacated the final rule. This CR-101 notice is notice that the college will adopt the previous student conduct and hearing procedures as it pertains to Title IX that the college put into effect in 2021.

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: New rules are necessary to be in compliance with the district court decision of *Tennessee, et al. v. Cardona* issued on January 9, 2025, which struck down the 2024 U.S. Department of Education final rule issued by the previous presidential administration. These new rules will accomplish bringing the college's student conduct code into compliance with the 2020 Title IX requirements that are now controlling [regulations] regarding Title IX.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The U.S. Department of Education regulates Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

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 Jessica Gilmore English, 3000 N.E. 4th Street, Renton, WA 98056, phone 425-235-2463, email jgilmoreenglish@rtc.edu.

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