

WSR 25-07-073

PROPOSED RULES

BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 25-03-123.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Amending chapter 495B-168 WAC.

Hearing Location(s): On April 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at Bellingham Technical College, College Services, Room 215, 3028 Lindbergh Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Date of Intended Adoption: May 15, 2025.

Submit Written Comments to: Ronda Laughlin, 3028 Lindbergh Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225, email rlaughlin@btc.edu, fax 360-752-7134, by April 8, 2025.

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Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: To update language to provide clarity for students, employees, and visitors.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Statute Being Implemented: Chapter 28B.10 RCW.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Bellingham Technical College, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting and Implementation: Ronda Laughlin and Dawn Hawley, CS 201 and Library, 360-752-8334; Enforcement: Heidi Ypma and Dawn Hawley, CS 216 and Library, 360-752-8334.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. Required by RCW 28B.10.293.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rules only correct typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect.

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4).

Explanation of exemptions: To clarify and update language for students, employees, and visitors in chapter 495B-168 WAC.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

March 17, 2025

Ronda Laughlin

Executive Assistant to the President

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 93-05-018, filed 2/10/93, effective 3/13/93)

**WAC 495B-168-020 Loans.** Materials from the college library(~~(-media-center)~~) are checked out only to the following groups.

- (1) All currently registered students of the college;
- (2) All current faculty and administrative staff members;
- (3) All persons currently employed in classified staff positions;
- (4) All holders of currently valid courtesy cards. This latter group includes members of the board of trustees, community educators whose work might necessitate usage of library(~~(-media)~~) materials, and other individuals who show a particular need for specialized items in the library(~~(-media)~~) collections which are not available elsewhere;
- (5) Students from other institutions with which the college library(~~(-media-center)~~) has a reciprocal lending agreement through a "shared use plan." This group may use materials on a loan basis at the discretion of the (~~(circulation-supervisor)~~) library director who will determine lending priorities based upon the current usage of individual items by Bellingham Technical College students.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 25-02-034, filed 12/19/24, effective 1/19/25)

**WAC 495B-168-030 Fines.** In cases where damage or loss of library material occurs, the patron will be assessed the replacement cost and processing fees. (~~(In other instances where library-media materials are retained by the borrower beyond the designated due date, fines will be levied as a sanction to effect the prompt return of items which may be in demand by others.)~~) When materials are not returned, or fines not paid, holds are placed on the borrowing privileges of those involved. When expensive or valuable items are involved and reasonable attempts to advise and notify the debtor have been made, outstanding fines and fees may be assigned to a collection agency (RCW 19.16.500).

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 25-02-034, filed 12/19/24, effective 1/19/25)

**WAC 495B-168-040 Library information.** Detailed information governing the operation of the library(~~(-media-center)~~) and the rules for loaning books, other print materials, and nonprint materials is located on Bellingham Technical College's website.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 93-05-018, filed 2/10/93, effective 3/13/93)

**WAC 495B-168-050 Inspection.** The library shall have the right to inspect packages, (~~(brief-cases)~~) backpacks, containers, articles, and materials leaving the building to prevent the unauthorized removal of library resources. The inspection may be done by persons or devices designed to detect unauthorized removals.