

WSR 26-05-055

PROPOSED RULES

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 25-18-025.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Chapter 132V-130 WAC, Hazing policy.

Hearing Location(s): On April 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at 6501 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466, Building 12, Board Room 120; and via Zoom at <https://tacomacc-edu.zoom.us/j/89134545402?pwd=zA55e7bOS2IB8hkfWiQSa7FwYKi8kB.1>.

Date of Intended Adoption: May 14, 2026, regular board meeting.

Submit Written Comments to: Natalie Boes, 6501 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466, email nboes@tacomacc.edu, beginning February 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m., by Friday, April 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Natalie Boes, phone 253-566-5169, email nboes@tacomacc.edu, by Friday, April 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Tacoma Community College is amending its student conduct code to implement the antihazing provisions of 2SHB 1751 (Sam's Law), RCW 28B.10.900 - 28B.10.902, and the federal Stop Campus Hazing Act.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 28B.50.140(13), 28B.10.900, 28B.10.906; and chapter 34.05 RCW.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 28B.50.140.

Rule is necessary because of federal law, Title IX, 20 U.S.C. § 1092 et seq.

Name of Proponent: Natalie Boes, public.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Surtida Shelton, 6501 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466, Building 7, Counseling and Advising Office, 253-566-5159; Implementation and Enforcement: Jason Parker, 6501 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466, Building 7, Counseling and Advising Office, 253-566-5159.

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. The cost-benefit analysis in RCW 34.05.328 does not apply to these college rules.

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

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Citation of the specific federal statute or regulation and description of the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted: [No information supplied by agency.]

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute; and rules adopt, amend, or repeal a procedure, practice, or requirement relating to agency hearings; or a filing or related process requirement for applying to an agency for a license or permit.

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4).

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

February 10, 2026
Natalie Boes
Rules Coordinator

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 96-16-036, filed 8/1/96, effective 9/1/96)

WAC 132V-130-010 Hazing prohibited—Sanctions. (1) Hazing is prohibited at Tacoma Community College.

~~((2) Hazing means any method of initiation into a student group or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such a group that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical harm, or serious mental or emotional harm, to any student or other person attending any institution of higher education or postsecondary education. Excluded from this definition are "customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions."))~~ Hazing is any act committed as part of a person's recruitment, initiation, pledging, admission into, or affiliation with a college sponsored student organization, athletic team, or living group, or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such an organization, athletic team, or living group that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical harm, or serious psychological or emotional harm, to any student, including causing, directing, coercing, or forcing a person to consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug, or other substance which subjects the person to risk of such harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions. Consent is not a valid defense against hazing.

(2) Any student group that knowingly permits hazing is strictly liable for harm caused to persons or property resulting from hazing. If the organization, association, or student living group is a corporation whether for profit or nonprofit, the individual directors of the corporation may be held individually liable for damages.

(3) Any person who participates in the hazing of another shall forfeit any entitlement to state-funded grants, scholarships, or awards for a period of time determined by the college.

(4) Student groups that knowingly permit hazing to be conducted by its members or by others subject to its direction or control shall be deprived of any official recognition or approval granted by the college.

(5) Student groups found responsible for violating the code of student conduct, college anti-hazing policies, or state or federal laws relating to hazing or offenses related to alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, or physical assault will be disclosed in a public report issued by the college setting forth the name of the student group, the date the investigation began, the date the investigation ended, a finding of responsibility, a description of the incident(s) giving rise to the finding, and the details of the sanction(s) imposed.

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

- WAC 132V-130-020 Penalties.
- WAC 132V-130-030 Sanctions for impermissible conduct not amounting to hazing.