



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
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Agency: Columbia Basin College

Subject of possible rule making: Columbia Basin College's Student code of conduct, under WAC 132S-100, and other related rules as necessary

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 34.05 RCW, RCW 28B.50.140 (13)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: On January 9, 2025, the federal district court in Kentucky ruled that the 2024 regulations/changes be vacatur; Title IX regulations were vacated in part, necessitating a review and potential revision to CBC's Student Code of Conduct to ensure compliance with the most current legal framework from 2020. Given this regulatory shift, the existing procedures may require updates to reflect the reinstated federal standards or any requirements that protect student rights and institutional responsibilities under Title IX.

Updating these procedures will provide clarity for students, faculty, and staff regarding their rights and obligations under Title IX, ensure the institution's compliance with federal and state nondiscrimination laws, and maintain a fair, transparent, and legally sound process for handling complaints of sex-based discrimination, including sexual harassment and assault.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Normal Rule Making


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