

## **RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE RULEMAKING SUMMARY**

**Proposed Rules Under Consideration:** Revision of Chapter 495E-110 WAC (Student Conduct Code and Hearing Procedures)

**Authority:** RCW 34.05.325 requires state agencies and institutions to provide for oral and written comments in response to proposed rules and to provide a summary of those comments to the Board of Trustees.

WAC 131-12-060 requires college districts to involve students in the promulgation, amendment and revocation of rules defining student rights and responsibilities. At a minimum, students should be afforded a reasonable opportunity to review and express opinions regarding a college's proposed exercise of rule-making authority.

The College held a rulemaking hearing on October 23rd, and received 0 oral comments and 0 written comments.

**Summary:** The purpose of this rulemaking hearing was to solicit comment on changes relating to the Student Conduct Code and Hearing Procedures. The proposed revisions would:

1. Update the definition of sex discrimination to include sexual orientation, gender identity, and pregnancy.
2. Expansion of sex-based harassment to clarify that Title IX prohibits all harassment based on sex, not only harassment that is sexual in nature. This expansion covers quid pro quo harassment, hostile work environment harassment, and sexual violence.
3. Expands the jurisdiction of by covering all college programs and activities regardless of location.
4. Revises hearings, providing more flexibility and notably eliminating the requirement for live hearings with cross-examination.
5. Increases privacy rights for all parties involved in the hearing process.
6. Quickens resolutions, requiring the college to establish and enforce prompt time frames for investigation.
7. Expands reporting requirements of employees and defines confidential employees.
8. Increases support measures for complainants.

**Recording:** [Link to recording.](#)

### **Zoom Comments:**

14:05:49 From Matt Wurz to Everyone:

Link to changes:

[https://rtc.edu/\\_resources/documents/20240923r-OTS-5652.2-permanent.pdf](https://rtc.edu/_resources/documents/20240923r-OTS-5652.2-permanent.pdf)

14:08:58 From Anh Phan to Everyone:

I don't have any comments.

14:18:02 From Anh Phan to Everyone:

I've reviewed the documents and don't have any comments to add. Am I okay to exit?

14:18:50 From Anh Phan to Everyone:  
Thank you! You all have a good day.