

Public Rulemaking Docket

*Opportunities for Public Involvement in Rules

1. Notice Published:

Request for Comments (RFC) published in *State Register* (SR). This is a formal opportunity for public comment and occurs very early in the rulemaking process.

2. Develops Rules

A preliminary draft of the rule is shared.

3. Notice Published

Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules published in *State Register*. This is a formal opportunity for public comment.

4a. Adopt with Public Hearing

4b. Adopt without Public Hearing

5. Notice Published Final Adoption of Rules published in *State Register*.

The rulemaking process utilized by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) provides three opportunities for public involvement:

- 1. When the Request for Comments is published in the *State Register*, it communicates general ideas for the rulemaking. This is an opportunity for stakeholders to provide formal comments and input on the rulemaking ideas that may narrow or broaden the scope of the project. Stakeholder data or other relevant information can be submitted at this time. OHE encourages stakeholder participation at this early stage of the process so relevant information can be considered as decisions that shape the rule are made.
- 2. During this phase of the rulemaking, OHE generally develops a preliminary draft of rule language and makes it available for at least one informal public comment period. Throughout this phase, stakeholder meetings may be held and informal comments may be submitted.
- 3. When a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules is published, it signals the final opportunity for stakeholder input, unless a hearing is held. The published notice indicates the relevant submission deadlines. At this stage, a Statement of Need and Reasonableness and draft rule are available for formal public comment.

OHE can proceed with a public hearing or without one. If held, the public hearing provides an additional formal opportunity for stakeholders to testify or submit written testimony in front of an Administrative Law Judge who presides over the hearing.

On completion, OHE will publish the final adoption of rules. Most rules become effective five working days after they appear in the SR.

*Note- the above schematic simply highlights the opportunity for public participation within the rulemaking process. Exempt rulemaking follows a more abbreviated process.

Check with the agency contact person to inspect written comments, written requests for a public hearing, and names of parties who requested a public hearing.

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https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/rule_search.php

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RULEMAKING PROJECTS IN PROCESS – NONE CURRENTLY

Subject Matter	Brief Rule	Agency Contact Person	Current status	Next	Timetable for	Notices published	Public Hearing
(Existing	Summary	(Lead Staff)	of proposed	Opportunity for	adoption and	(SR citations)	Schedule
webpages are			rule and any	Public Comment	other agency		
listed)			agency		determinations		
			determinations				

COMPLETED RULEMAKING PROJECTS – ADOPTED WITHIN PAST YEAR

Subject Matter (Existing webpages are listed)	Notices published (SR citations)	Date Rule Adopted by OHE	Date Rule Filed with Secretary of State	Effective Date of Rule
SELF Loan Amendments Minn R. chs. 4830 and 4850 Revisor No. R-4425 <u>Rulemaking Record Documents 01092020</u>	RFC published in SR on 29 January 2018 (42 SR 873) Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules published in SR on 27 August 2018 (43 SR 207) Adopted Rules published in SR on 14 January 2019 (43 SR 831)	01/09/2019	01/22/2019	01/22/2019