

## Public Rulemaking Docket

### \*Opportunities for Public Involvement in Rules



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. A notice is published providing 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 *State Register*.

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

Contact OHE to inspect written comments, written requests for a public hearing, and names of parties who requested a public hearing.

Sign-up to receive rule notices at:

<http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/Office of Higher Education Contact>

Search the Revisor's Minnesota Rules Status database at:

[http://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/rule\\_search.php](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/rule_search.php)

## RULEMAKING PROJECTS IN PROCESS – NONE CURRENTLY

| Subject Matter (Existing webpages are listed) | Brief Rule Summary | Agency Contact Person ( <i>Lead Staff</i> ) | Current status of proposed rule and any agency determinations | Next Opportunity for Public Comment | Timetable for adoption and other agency determinations | Notices published ( <i>State Register</i> citations) | Public Hearing Schedule |
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## COMPLETED RULEMAKING PROJECTS – ADOPTED WITHIN PAST YEAR

| Subject Matter (Existing webpages are listed)                   | Notices published ( <i>State Register</i> citations)  | Date Rule Adopted by OHE | Date Rule Filed with Secretary of State | Effective Date of Rule |
|---|---|--------------------------|---|------------------------|
| SELF Loan amendments<br>Minn. R. ch. 4850<br>Revisor No. R-4688 | Request for Comments published in <i>State Register</i> on <a href="#">11 January 2021 (45 SR 775)</a><br><br>Dual Notice and Proposed Rules published in <i>State Register</i> on <a href="#">2 August 2021 (46 SR 77)</a><br><br>Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Supplemental Student Loans <a href="#">18 October 2021 (46 SR 542)</a> | September 29, 2021       | October 4, 2021                         | October 25, 2021       |