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## House Bill 2248

Please make this part of the public record.

Requesting clarification for section #6 paragraph (7) & sec (8)

(7) "Gravity separation" means the separation of mineral particles, with the aid of water or air, according to the differences in the specific gravities of the particles.

(8) "Mining operation" means a surface or underground mine that processes, produces or reclaims metal ore using a method other than, or in addition to, gravity separation to process the ore.

**SECTION 8.** ORS 517.954 is amended to read:

517.954. ORS 517.952 to 517.989 apply only to [chemical process mines for nonaggregate minerals] mining operations as defined in ORS 517.952. ORS 517.952 to 517.989 do not apply to placer mining.

**SECTION 18.** ORS 517.973 is amended to read:

517.973. (1) In addition to any permit fee required by any other permitting agency, each notice of intent to submit a consolidated application under ORS [517.971] 517.961 shall be accompanied by an initial fee established by the State Geologist in an amount not to exceed [~~\$606~~] \$1,260.

(2)(a) Annually on the anniversary date of the issuance of each such operating permit, each holder of an operating permit shall pay to the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries a renewal fee established by the State Geologist in an amount not less than [~~\$456~~] \$2,500.

(b) In addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the department may charge an additional amount not to exceed [~~\$200~~] \$1,200 for inspections made at sites.

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