

# Oregon Citizens Lobby

*A growing statewide collaborative effort by citizens to promote legislative accountability.*

Oregon Citizens Lobby opposes HB 2248 for the following reasons.

This bill removes chemical process from the law and adds mine processing operation to encompass all mining operation.

## **Personal Choice**

Gravity separation of mineral particles, with the aid of water or air, according to the differences in the specific gravities of the particles 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. Puts more control in the hands of the State, letting them stop a mining operation totally.

## **Fiscal Responsibility**

Will result in higher permit cost, longer permit processing through the Environmental Evaluation Technical Review Team.

## **Limited Government**

Results in more government control with higher cost.

## **Free Markets**

Limits free market by high government control and permit costs "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. "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.

