

Proposition 14: Californians for Stem Cell Research, Treatments and Cures *Economic Impact & Stimulus*

This November, California voters will have the opportunity to continue the state's breakthrough stem cell research and therapy development program. Voting for Proposition 14 will have significant short and long-term economic and financial benefits for California. By generating additional state revenue now and potentially saving California tens of billions in future health care spending, Prop 14 will have lasting impacts on the state funds available to tackle priorities California needs to address now, and in the future, such as housing, education, energy, the environment and many others.

Since its inception, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), created by the passage of Proposition 71 in 2004, has advanced research and therapy development for **75 diseases and conditions** and **90+ clinical trials with more than 4000 patients** enrolled or expected to be enrolled throughout the state.

A Smart, Fiscally Responsible Investment in California's Future

- Proposition 14 will **authorize \$5.5 billion** in state general obligation bonds.
- Proposition 14 is **NOT** a tax — and has no payments for the first 5 years.
- [Bond allocation](#) per year is limited to **less than 0.5%** of the current state bond capacity — ensuring that 99.5% of the state's annual bond capacity, on average, will be available to be spent on other issues.

Provides a Critical Economic & Jobs Stimulus

- According to a 2019 USC [study](#), California's stem cell research program has already generated **\$10.7 billion** in increased state economic activity, more than **\$640 million** in additional state revenues, and tens of thousands of jobs at every level — from lab technicians and maintenance workers to nurses and physicians.
- Proposition 14 will create **better job opportunities** for many lower income Californians, providing a new job recovery program following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Based on Proposition 71 impact, if we continue a similar economic model, **Proposition 14 would likely lead to:**
 - Over **\$7.7 billion in matching funds** attracted from public and private institutions, other entities and major philanthropic donors.
 - Nearly **\$20 billion in economic stimulus** for the state of California, with billions more generated across the country.
 - Approximately **\$1.2 billion in additional California state and local revenues**.
 - Over **100,000 new full-time equivalent jobs** in California.

Could Save Californians Billions in Health Care Costs

- Reducing the cost of treating just **6 out of 8 major chronic disease or injuries by 1-2%** would save **billions** and pay for Proposition 14 twice over.
- Proposition 14 is a small investment — costing the state **less than \$5 per person per year**—to potentially save millions of lives and tens of billions of dollars in health care costs in the coming decades.

- [About 90%](#) of the nation's **\$3.5 trillion in annual health care expenditures** are for people suffering from chronic diseases and conditions.
- According to a California Health Care Foundation [report](#) in 2014, California spent nearly **\$300 billion in health care costs**.
- In California alone, **about 30% of the state's budget** is spent on health care — and that cost continues to rise, placing a growing strain on families and our state budget.
- **We can't afford not to fund Proposition 14** — it could save your life or the life of someone you love.

Attracts Additional Investments in California's Economy

- To date, California's stem cell research program has **generated more than \$4 billion in private, public and non-profit matching funds** — more than doubling the value of California's investment in accelerating medical research and the development and delivery of treatments and cures. Proposition 14 will continue these measures and help secure philanthropic donations, federal grants, and industry contributions, which will ultimately multiply our economic activity and possibly more than double the impact of our state's investment.
- California's stem cell research program has also secured more than **\$173 million in new facilities grants**—recruiting the best and brightest scientists and doctors from around the world to conduct research at California universities and institutes.

Generates a Return on Our Investment

- A significant number of the current 90+ clinical trials are expected to result in publicly available treatments over the next 2-3 years, including multiple FDA approvals and **2 lifesaving, FDA-approved treatments for certain fatal forms of blood cancers**.
- More than **800 patents** are currently pending for CIRM-funded discoveries — providing a future source of state revenue to improve affordability and access to treatments.

Continues Strict Accountability & Transparency Requirements

- CIRM is the **ONLY** state agency with an independent financial accountability oversight committee that is responsible for reviewing and auditing its financial practices annually.
- CIRM undergoes independent financial and **performance audits by the Controller's office and the Bureau of State Audits**.
- CIRM **mandates rigorous conflict of interest rules** once described in a Controller's audit as "in some instances, going beyond National Institute of Health (NIH) requirements."
- These strict accountability measures, among others, ensure that every dollar is spent responsibly and effectively.

Proposition 14 has the power to help the tens of millions of Californians suffering from an incurable disease, condition or injury including cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injuries, blindness, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases like COVID-19 and many others. To Join us in supporting and learn more about this critical investment to advance cures and save lives, please visit: Yeson14.com

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