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Prieto on Patent Reform

The vice chair of the **CIRM Legislative Subcommittee, Francisco Prieto**, has offered a brief comment on the subject of patent reform, a matter that will come before the panel on Monday.

Prieto, a Sacramento physician, said in an email last night to the **California Stem Cell Report**,

"I'm not sure we'll take a position, but we do want to be informed, and have a pretty serious interest. The outcome affects the ultimate result of most of the fruits of our labor: whether and how any treatments developed from CIRM funded research are able to be developed and marketed. That ultimately will decide whether any treatments or cures ever actually make it to the clinic and into patients who need them."

Meanwhile, CIRM has provided links on the meeting's agenda to the text of the complex legislation and two items offered by advocates in the fray. CIRM has yet to produce its own analysis, a rundown on the pros and cons and an explanation of how CIRM's position would make a difference in the outcome.

In a related matter, the **Finance Subcommittee**, three days after the meeting on patent reform, is scheduled to consider hiring a federal lobbyist, which would make the stem cell agency one of the rare state departments with its own national lobbyist.

Here is a list of the members of the Legislative Subcommittee, which is chaired by **Art Torres**, co-vice chair of the agency and former head of the California state **Democratic Party**. [Sphere: Related Content](#)

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