



# Briefing Notice

## Financing Climate Mitigation and Resilience: Lessons from Hawaii

Friday, March 20, 2020  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM EDT

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing on innovative efforts to finance and implement climate change mitigation and resilience projects. Featuring a panel from Hawaii, the briefing will explore steps the state is taking to reach carbon neutrality and run on 100 percent renewable energy by 2045. Hawaii's Climate Commission staff discussed Hawaii's climate response, and the Executive Director of one of the most robust green banks in the country will speak about its unique features and how it supports companies, communities, and individuals as they work towards Hawaii's climate goals in an equitable way.

Financing climate resilience projects is essential, but it is a tough nut to crack because the return on investment is not always clear. During this briefing, panelists will discuss efforts in Hawaii and across the country to finance and carry out projects to address sea level rise and increase coastal resilience. From organizations partnering with federal agencies to increase nature-based solutions along the coast to incentives designed around insurance pricing, these innovative climate and financing solutions will be key to addressing climate impacts around the country.

Briefing panelists:

- **Alex Kragie**, Director of the American Green Bank Consortium, Coalition for Green Capital
- **Gwen Yamamoto Lau**, Executive Director, Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority (Hawaii Green Bank)
- **Anukriti Hittle**, Climate Coordinator, Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources
- **Adam Borrello**, Executive Director, North Shore Community Land Trust of Hawaii

States across the country have set ambitious climate goals, and understanding how to fund these initiatives in an equitable way that sees a return on investment is essential. Congress will play a key role in unleashing the potential of financing to decarbonize the economy and increase resilience to climate impacts. Come learn about work happening across the state of Hawaii and how it can be replicated and scaled in your state or district.

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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