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Project Title: Do Community Benefits Benefit the Community? An Analysis of the Outcomes of Community Benefits Agreements on U.S. Indigenous Communities

Team Name: Aloha for Energy Justice

Short Description: Community benefits agreements (CBA) are agreements made between developers and communities and are increasingly being used to alleviate community opposition in renewable energy siting. This project will investigate the process and outcomes of CBAs to indigenous communities such as Native Hawaiians and other tribal communities in the U.S.

The impact of this research will be to better inform policymakers, renewable energy developers, and communities on how to best construct CBAs in ways that improve the well-being of historically underserved communities.

Video Link: https://vimeo.com/675718032

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