As climate change imposes increasingly severe impacts, some communities are turning to the courts to seek redress for the enormous costs of the climate crisis. These lawsuits are part of a growing trend of climate litigation—in the United States and elsewhere around the world—seeking to hold polluters accountable for their contributions to climate change.

In the U.S., thirteen local and state public agencies* and one industry trade association have sued the major fossil fuel companies, arguing that they knowingly promoted and sold dangerous products. The plaintiffs claim that the fossil fuel companies must pay their fair share of the costs to communities of recovering from current and future impacts.

This event features local and mainland experts discussing the science and economics behind the impacts of the climate crisis faced by Hawai‘i. They will also explain the current wave of innovative climate impact lawsuits that can effectively shift the severe economic burden of climate change from taxpayers back to the major carbon producers who bear responsibility for the current and future impacts on our communities.

Free and open to the public – Event will be recorded
Speakers biographies and background information available on ELP website: https://bit.ly/2vk0QxK

* Cities/Counties of Imperial Beach, Richmond, Santa Cruz, Oakland, New York, and Baltimore; City and County of San Francisco; and the State of Rhode Island.