

**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States**  
**Remote Oversight Hearing - Cisco WebEx**  
**April 21, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Oversight Hearing on “*Infrastructure in Indigenous Communities:  
Priorities for the American Jobs Plan*”**

**Questions from Rep. Leger Fernández** for the Honorable William Aila, Jr., Chairman,  
Hawaiian Homes Commission

1. Many Members of our Subcommittee are aware that Indigenous peoples, including Native Hawaiians, remain on the front lines of climate change. Consequently, your testimony explains the need for Native Hawaiians to be included in the creation of policies that address climate change.
  - a. To highlight this issue further, can you elaborate on how climate change uniquely affects Native Hawaiians? (asks about catastrophic weather events)
  - b. How has climate change created challenges for the homestead leasing program?