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WASHINGTON — All of the 42 Honolulu police officers on active duty with the Army's 29th Infantry Brigade may be released as early as Aug. 20 if they meet qualifications set forth by the Army, Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga reported today.

He noted that five of the officers already have returned to the Police Department.

"Police officers who are still with the 29th Brigade in Hawaii or who are presently serving in any unit on the Mainland are eligible for separation as early as Aug. 20," said Matsunaga.

The Aug. 20 date, he explained, was set by the Defense Department as an early release date for units scheduled for deactivation Dec. 15, "to allow certain students and seasonal workers to return to their former occupations."

"Policemen who are now assigned overseas will be eligible for separation when they return to the States," said Matsunaga. "But they may still apply for an early discharge using the individual's or the unit's estimated date of rotation from overseas."