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Loan Relief Sought. For Guardsmen

The 14,000-member Hawaiian Government Employees Association yesterday set up a task force to seek moratoriums on loans and mortgages for the Hawaii Guardsmen and Army Reservists who will be called to active duty May 13.

The HGEA's board of directors, in a special meeting, created a task force of association leaders, staff and rank-and-file members. They will call on government heads, business leaders and Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

One of the purposes is to obtain a moratorium on payments of bank and credit union loans and mortgages for the 4,000-plus Guardsmen and reservists during the length of the callup, which could be for two years.

The HGEA also will launch

a statewide drive to assist the families of the Guardsmen and reservists.

The HGEA said that a great majority of the men will be hard-pressed to fulfill their financial obligations.

Those particularly hard hit will be men in the lower ranks, who will make about \$100 a month, the HGEA said.

It said it would ask other employe organizations and unions to join forces in achieving relief for the men.

As a first step, the HGEA said all dues for its members involved in the callup will be suspended. Wives and dependents will receive all HGEA benefits during the period of active duty.