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Hawaii to offset Guard callup

HILO — The Board of Supervisors yesterday authorized hiring of temporary help to replace about 38 County employes called to duty with the National Guard and Reserves.

County Chairman Shunichi Kimura, who had hoped to lessen the personnel jolt with more liberal use of contractual services, said the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments will be hit particularly hard by the callup.

Further, he said, the federalized soldiers are entitled to 15 days military leave plus accrued vacation time, which in some case will hit

the 90-day maximum, and most are expected to use up both.

Board policy forbids the hire of temporary help while the old employe is still drawing vacation or other p.y, but Kimura said county services would suffer if the affected department heads are not allowed to get temporary help on the job immediately.

It will be hard enough to recruit temporary help anyway, he said, especially in some engineering posts for public works.

Supervisor Sherwood

Greenwell said the County should discourage policemen and firemen from serving in the National Guard because

this might leave vacancies in one organization or the other during such emergencies as tidal waves.