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Questionnaire Program Set On Call-Up

Business firms on the Big Island who are affected by the recent National Guard and Army Reserve call-up to active duty have been asked to fill out a questionnaire as part of a survey being conducted by the County Department of Economic Development's Committee on Manpower and Full Employment and the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The survey, according to John Farias, director of the Department of Economic Development, is designed to determine the economic effect of the call-up, and to aid employers who may have difficulty in obtaining new employes.

Altogether, some 196 firms are expected to be affected by the call-up, he said. A total of 754 men from Hawaii County will leave their respective jobs May 13th when Guardsmen and Reservists are slated to report to Schofield Barracks, he added.

Tsuneo Akiyama, chairman of the Committee on Manpower and Full Employment, said one result, following the survey, may be training programs if it becomes apparent there are critical shortages in specific occupational skills.