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Battleship choice down to Pearl, S.F.

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The Navy has narrowed the list of candidates for a Pacific Fleet battleship home port to Pearl Harbor and San Francisco, dropping Long Beach from consideration.

Sen. Daniel Inouye and Rep. Cecil Heftel yesterday announced the move after receiving a memorandum from Commodore Dudley Carlson, Navy legislative affairs chief.

Carlson also said in the memo that the Navy is "now considering assigning up to nine additional ships to one or a combination of all three ports by the end of fiscal year 1992."

That confirms earlier indications that the Navy would increase the size of the battleship group, adding more escort ves-

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Sen. Daniel Inouye
Pushes causeway funds



Rep. Cec Heftel
"Ships belong in Hawaii"

Pearl Harbor shipyard might chop 1,000 jobs

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More than 1,000 civilian workers at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard may lose their jobs later this year as part of a Navy plan to cut costs, according to a military source.

The shipyard, the largest industrial employer in Hawaii with an estimated 6,900 work-

ers on its payroll, will lay off 500 in September and at least another 500 in December, the source said.

Pearl Harbor officials last night declined to discuss the matter but confirmed that "actions under review include a reduction in the shipyard's workforce."

Capt. Richard Camacho, commander of the Pearl Harbor

shipyard, said in a statement that he "has been directed to develop a plan for improving the efficiency and cost performance of the shipyard."

Further details, he said, will be provided when his plan is completed.

It is understood that Camacho, who assumed command of the shipyard last summer, received his orders to improve efficiency and cost performance from Naval Sea Systems Command, which oversees operations of the eight Navy shipyards around the country and which may order 11,000 shipyard layoffs nationwide.

The layoff would be the most severe to hit Pearl Harbor in recent years and is in direct contrast to assurances last month by Sen. Daniel Inouye that Pearl Harbor shipyard workers need not worry about losing their jobs.

At that time, Inouye said he had not been informed by the Navy or Pentagon of any plans to close bases or cut workforces. Dave Peters, local spokesman for Inouye, declined comment on the possible layoff last night.

A light workload, caused in part by the transfer of large Navy vessels previously stationed at Pearl Harbor, already has forced two weeklong closures of the shipyard here. The most recent occurred during the week following Christmas.

The shipyard also reorganized its workforce last summer and reassigned some administrators and planners to blue-collar jobs.

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Military family food stamp

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The number of Hawaii military families on food stamps increased 16.6 percent from last year, statistics compiled by the state show.

As of Sept. 1, the number of military recipients was 1,100, according to the Research and Statistics Office of the Department of Social Services and Housing. Last year the recipients totaled 943.

Col. Marvin Braman, spokesman for the commander in chief of Pacific forces, said the military does not regularly keep such statistics and could offer no explanation for the increase.

However, there is concern among many service personnel that they are falling behind the private sector in pay for comparable work, despite the Reagan administration's moves to increase military pay and benefits.

Federal civilian employees would need a 21.5 percent salary hike to close the "pay gap" with their civilian counterparts, according to a survey this year by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The last pay increase for military and federal civilian employees — a year ago — was 4 percent.

There are several factors in food stamp eligibility, but Army Community Services, which helps military families in completing their food stamp applications, says a sergeant (pay

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