

'MAGNUM' FOURSOME PLAN HAWAII PROD.

Honolulu — Tom Selleck and three other "Magnum, P.I." principals said aloha to the Hawaii media as far as the CBS series is concerned, but for Selleck, fellow Emmy-winner John Hillerman, producer Charles Johnson and head writer Chris Abbott, aloha doesn't necessarily mean goodbye. (TEL)

"Magnum" is scheduled to wind up eight years of Hawaii filming March 28, when the final episode, a 2-hour show, wraps. Selleck was ready to end the series last season but agreed to do another year. However, there will be no more "Magnum" after this season, said Selleck.

Need State Help

Selleck, Johnson and Abbott have formed a company and hope to produce tv programs in Hawaii, if they get help from the state and concessions from the unions.

Selleck said the high cost of producing shows in Hawaii could be reduced with better planning by the state and more cooperation from local unions.

Selleck said Hawaii unions tend to exploit film producers coming here by demanding the maximum number of workers for a show because no one knows when another production will work here.