Bill to double hotel tax goes to House for vote

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SALEM — A bill to double Oregon's statewide tourist lodging tax is headed to the House, after the bill passed out of committee Monday evening on a 5-3 vote.

The short-term goal is to raise money so the state can subsidize a world track championship in Eugene in 2021. Nike and University of Oregon officials have pushed for the state to help pay for the event since at least 2014.

To achieve that, the bill would increase the statewide tax on tourist lodging from 1 percent to 2 percent and allow the state greater flexibility to spend the tourism tax revenue. State law currently requires the government to spend at least 80 percent of hotel tax revenues on tourism marketing. House Bill 4146 would allow the state to spend that money on any "tourism programs," including to subsidize the costs of events such as the track championship.

The bill would also require the state's tourism commission, Travel Oregon, to distribute set amounts of lodging tax revenue around the state through regional allocations and competitive grants.

In the two-year budget that begins in mid-2017, the bill would result in $34.2 million in new tax revenue, according to an estimate from the Legislative Revenue Office. The state would send $10.2 million in existing and new tax revenue to regional tourism agencies around the state during that period, and award $10.2 million in competitive grants to encourage tourism.

Portland tourism officials and rural lawmakers have both found aspects of the bill they dislike. Three Republicans on the House Committee on Revenue voted against the bill on Monday. A fourth, Rep. John Davis, R-Wilsonville, was excused from the vote.

Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, said hotel owners in his district do not expect the bill would help them.

"I talked to many of my hotel operators across my district, and they were uniformly a 'no,'" Bentz said. Rep. Gail Whitsett, R-Klamath Falls, said she agreed with Bentz.

Rep. Mark Johnson, R-Hood River, said he voted against the bill because of concerns expressed by constituents, but he strongly supported "the underlying concept."

The bill now goes to the full House for a vote, which has not yet been scheduled.

Randy Tucker, legislative affairs manager for the Metro regional government, said during a hearing last week that although the government supports using lodging taxes to help pay for the Eugene track event, doubling the state lodging tax would put Portland at a competitive disadvantage to other cities with lower tax rates.

Cities and counties across the state impose local tourism taxes and Elizabeth Edwards, from the City of Portland's Office of Government Relations, said the bill would push the total hotel tax in Portland to more than 15 percent. Metro owns and operates the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, and Tucker said the "group travel" events hosted by the center bring in visitors who spend more than leisure tourists, the category that would attend sporting events.

"We believe that permanently doubling the current tax rate and devoting the new resources primarily to state leisure tourism marketing will harm the state's ability to continue attracting lucrative convention travel and convention groups," Tucker said.

Although there continues to be political support for TrackTown USA's bid to bring the 2021 World Outdoor Championships to Eugene, government officials involved with the plan face greater scrutiny since the BBC reported in early December that French investigators were looking into how Oregon landed the event.

The Register-Guard reported in January that Nike, company co-founder Phil Knight, CEO Mark Parker and University of Oregon trustees contributed nearly $400,000 to Gov. John Kitzhaber's re-election campaign in fall 2014. Kitzhaber had previously been skeptical of TrackTown USA and the University of Oregon Foundation's request for a $40 million state subsidy for the event, but the governor came out in support of the subsidy after his campaign received the contributions.

The UO board told the newspaper it was "flat wrong" to insinuate there was any connection.

Nike and the university trustees aren't the only fans of the bill. The Oregon Winegrowers Association also submitted a letter in support of the legislation.

"Our position is quite simple," the winegrowers wrote. "Increased tourism to Oregon is vital to the future of the Oregon wine industry."

Television › Today's highlights

Cydney Gillon from the To Tang tribe in "Survivor: Kaoh Rong"

Supernatural
WPIX 6:00 p.m.
Desperate to defeat Amara (Emily Swallow), Dean (Jensen Ackles) asks "Castiel" (Misha Collins), who is still Lucifer, to send him back in time to find the Hand of God in this new episode. He agrees and sends Dean back to 1944.

Survivor: Kaoh Rong
19 KEPR KOIN 8:00 p.m.
Castaways travel to the island of Kaoh Rong in Cambodia where they face harsh conditions and relentless weather as they compete for a $1-million prize. The castaways are divided into tribes based on similar characteristics: brains, brawn or beauty.

My 600-lb Life
TLC 9:00 p.m.
Ashley is just 26 years old, but at more than 700 pounds, her life is undoubtedly in danger. Too ashamed to go out in public, she hides at home. In this new episode, Ashley confronts medical setbacks after bypass surgery.

Hell's Kitchen
11 KFFX KPTV 9:00 p.m.
The Red Kitchen once again takes on the Blue Kitchen in a culinary challenge designed to test their skills in this new episode. Chef Gordon Ramsay oversees the competition, and later guides the contestants through a real dinner service.

Chicago P.D.
25 KNDU KGW 10:00 p.m.
Burgess (Marina Squerciati) finds heroin in a college professor's truck, but the unlikely suspect claims to know nothing about how the drugs ended up there. Kara Killmer, Samuel Hunt and Rachel DiPillo guest star in this new episode.

American Crime
42 KVEW KATU 10:00 p.m.
The tumultuous season continues in a new episode of this drama. After two of his players are accused of assault, high school basketball coach Dan Sullivan (Timothy Hutton) struggles to unite the players. Felicity Huffman also stars.

Jep and Jessica: Growing the Dynasty
A&E 10:00 p.m.
Jep tries to assure Jess that he can build the kids a fancy new playhouse, but Jess isn't so sure in this new episode. She wants to purchase one built by a professional. Cameras follow Jep and Jess Robertson as they adopt a new baby in this series.

Venom Hunters
DISC 10:00 p.m.
Four brave teams of snake hunters chase down some of the world's most venomous snakes in the hopes of extracting the venom to save lives in this new series. The venom is not only used to create anti-venom, but also in cutting-edge medical research.

Talk shows

6:00 a.m. 42 KVEW Good Morning Northwest
6:30 a.m. 42 KVEW Good Morning Northwest
7:00 a.m. 19 KEPR KOIN CBS This Morning
25 KNDU KGW Today Show A visit to the set of 'The Huntsman.'
42 KVEW KATU Good Morning America
WPIX Maury
8:00 a.m. WPIX The Jerry Springer Show
9:00 a.m. 19 KEPR The Meredith Vieira Show
25 KNDU KGW Today Show II A look at some hard to break food habits.
42 KVEW Live! With Kelly and Michael Guests include Anthony Anderson and Derek Hough.
ALN The Balancing Act
WPIX The Jerry Springer Show
10:00 a.m. 25 KNDU KGW Today Show III Joseph Fiennes on 'Risen.'
42 KVEW KATU The View
HALL Home and Family
WPIX The Bill Cunningham Show Family members who are sick and tired of feeling like the 'black sheep' of the family.
11:00 a.m. 25 KNDU The Wendy Williams Show
KGW The Dr. Oz Show
KATU Live! With Kelly and Michael Guests include Anthony Anderson and Derek Hough.
Noon KPTV The Rachael Ray Show
31 KTNW Charlie Rose
42 KVEW KATU The Chew
HALL Home and Family
WPIX The Steve Wilkos Show
1:00 p.m. KPTV The Wendy Williams Show
19 KEPR KOIN The Talk
59 OPB Charlie Rose
WPIX Maury
2:00 p.m. KPTV The Real
KOIN 42 KVEW The Doctors
KGW FABLife
KATU The Meredith Vieira Show
3:00 p.m. 19 KEPR KOIN Dr. Phil
KGW The Ellen DeGeneres Show
42 KVEW The Rachael Ray Show
KATU Steve Harvey
4:00 p.m. 25 KNDU The Ellen DeGeneres Show
42 KVEW FABLife
8:00 p.m. ROOT The Mark Few Show
10:30 p.m. HBO3 Last Week Tonight With John Oliver
11:00 p.m. 31 KTNW Charlie Rose
TBS Conan Guests include Jennifer Lawrence, Ron Funches and Ian Karmel.
11:05 p.m. 42 KVEW Jimmy Kimmel Live
11:35 p.m. 19 KEPR KOIN The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
25 KNDU KGW The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon The Los Angeles shows continue with Jennifer Lopez, Snoop Dogg and music by ZAYN.
KATU Jimmy Kimmel Live
12:30 a.m. TBS Conan Guests include Jennifer Lawrence, Ron Funches and Ian Karmel.
12:35 a.m. 25 KNDU KGW Late Night With Seth Meyers
19 KEPR KOIN The Late Late Show With James Corden Katie Holmes, Judd Apatow and Lianne La Havas visit.
1:00 a.m. HBO Real Time With Bill Maher
1:35 a.m. 25 KNDU KGW Last Call With Carson Daly
2:05 a.m. 25 KNDU Today Show
3:00 a.m. ROOT The Mark Few Show
5:30 a.m. 42 KVEW Good Morning Northwest

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	STATION		6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	AgDay	Friends	Eco Co.	Paid	The Office	Paid	Mother	Paid	Law & Order: C.I.		Crime Watch Daily	
	KPTV	3	Good Day Oregon at 6		Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club		Paid	Paid
CBS	19 KEPR	2	News	News	CBS This Morning				Meredith Vieira		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
	KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.		CBS This Morning				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
NBC	25 KNDU	6	Wake Up Northwest		Today Show (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Wendy Williams	
	KGW	8	KGW News at Sunrise		Today Show (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		The Dr. Oz Show	
ABC	42 KVEW	4	Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)				Kelly and Michael (N)		The View		Paid	Middle
	KATU	5	KATU News Morning		Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Kelly and Michael (N)	
PBS	31 KTNW		Stretch	W.L.Yoga	Wild Kratts	Jet Go! (N)	Nature Cat	Thomas	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	Sit and Fit
	59 OPB	13	Yoga/Yoga	Jet Go! (N)	Nature Cat	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	SuperW!	Thomas

AFTERNOON

	STATION		12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	Pat. Court	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis		The People's Court		The People's Court		Mike&M.	Mike&M.
	KPTV	3	The Rachael Ray Show		Wendy Williams		The Real		TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News	
CBS	19 KEPR	2	NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
	KOIN	19	News	Bold & B.	The Talk		The Doctors		Dr. Phil		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News
NBC	25 KNDU	6	TMZ	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Minute	Million?	Million?	Ellen DeGeneres (N)		News	NBC News
	KGW	8	KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives		FABLife		Ellen DeGeneres (N)		KGW News		KGW News	NBC News
ABC	42 KVEW	4	The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors		The Rachael Ray Show		FABLife		News	News
	KATU	5	The Chew		General Hospital		Meredith Vieira		Steve Harvey		KATU News @ 4		News	News
PBS	31 KTNW		Charlie Rose		J. Pepin	F&Porter	C.George	Thomas	Speaks	Nature Cat	Jet Go!	Odd Sqd	Wild Kratts	Business
	59 OPB	13	Paint	Meals	Charlie Rose		Nature Cat	Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Go!	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Sqd	Wild Kratts

EVENING

	STATION		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	Modern "Won't You Be Our Neighbor"	Modern Family	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Am. Idol The remaining 12 of the Top 24 get their chance to perform for the judges' votes.		Hell's Kitchen After the most disappointing dinner service yet, the blue team welcomes a new member.		FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law:CI A squad investigates high profile cases while focusing on the criminals' motives.		:35 Two and a Half Men
	KPTV	3	6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	American Idol (N)		Hell's Kitchen "12 Chefs Compete" (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Everybody Loves Ray
CBS	19 KEPR	2	Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "My Fare Lady"	Survivor: Kaoh Rong "I'm a Mental Giant" One castaway deals with excruciating pain when a bug gets stuck in their ear. (SP) (N)			BigBang "The Spock Resonan-ce"	Code Black Christa puts aside her personal feelings for Grace to treat at boy who was abused at camp.		Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 Stephen Colbert
	KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Kaoh Rong "I'm a Mental Giant" (SP) (N)			Big Bang Theory	Code Black "Love Hurts" (N)		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S.Colbert
NBC	25 KNDU	6	Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Laura Laura and Jake are tasked with keeping a high-profile foreign dignitary safe. (N)		SVU An undercover sting leads to the takedown of an online pedophile ring. (N)		Chicago While working at a sobriety checkpoint, Burgess finds a duffle bag full of heroin. (N)		Local News	:35 Tonight Jennifer Lopez
	KGW	8	KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	The Mysteries of Laura (N)		SVU "Collateral Damages" (N)		Chicago P.D. "A Night Owl" (N)		KGW News at 11	:35 Tonight (N)
ABC	42 KVEW	4	Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertai-nment Tonight	The Insider	The Middle "Hecks at a Movie" (N)	The Goldbergs "Weird Al" (N)	Modern "Thunk in the Trunk" (N)	Black-ish "Twinde-pendence" (N)	Crime Taylor continues to become emotionally undone as he tries to stop feeling like a victim.		Local News at 11 /:05 Kimmel This distinctive late-night talk show features celebrity guests,...	
	KATU	5	KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle (N)	Goldberg (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Crime "Season Two: Episode Seven" (N)		KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	31 KTNW		PBS NewsHour		BBC World News	America's Heartland	Nature "Raising the Dinosaur Giant" (N)		Nova "Iceman Reborn" (N)		Nova "Ice Age Death Trap"		Charlie Rose (N)	
	59 OPB	13	Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Raising the Dinosaur Giant" (N)		Nova "Iceman Reborn" (N)		Nova "Ice Age Death Trap"		Bones of Badger Hole	

	STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
CABLE	A&E	52	The First 48		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. "Pie Hard"	Duck Dyn. (N)	Jep and Jessica (N)	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
	AMC	60	★★★ The Bourne Identity Matt Damon.		★★★ The Rock ('96, Act) Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery. A former spy and an FBI agent must break into Alcatraz prison to foil a deadly plot.						★ Live Free or Die Hard John McClane takes on a group of terrorists who are hacking into government...			
	ANPL	24	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Tanked!		Treehouse Masters	
	CMT	43	★★ Country Strong ('10, Dra) Gwyneth Paltrow, Garrett Hedlund.						Reba	Reba	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
	CNBC	72	Shark Tank		Restaurant Startup (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Startup		Paid	Paid
	CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Newsroom	Amanpour
	DISC	51	Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival (N)		Dual Survival (N)		Venom Hunters (N)		:05 Dual Survival (N)	
	DISN	26	Friends	Friends	Girl World	S.Middle	Liv Maddie	Girl World	Bunk'd	Austin/Ally	Underc.	Friends	Girl World	Liv Maddie
	ESPN	33	NCAA Basketball Duke at North Carolina Site: Dean Smith Center -- Chapel Hill, N.C. (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	NCAA Basketball Arizona State at Arizona (L)				Basketball	Basketball	J & J (N)	NFL Live		30 for 30 "Trojan War"		
	FNC	66	The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		On the Record	
	FOOD	61	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners	Diners	Pleasure	Top 5 (N)	Diners	Diners
	FREE	32	★★★ Bruce Almighty Jim Carrey.				Young (N)	Daddy (N)	★★★ Liar Liar ('97, Com) Jim Carrey.				The 700 Club	
	FX	65	★★★★ Star Trek: Into Darkness Chris Pine.				★★★ Thor: The Dark World ('13, Act) Natalie Portman.				★★★ Thor: The Dark World			
	GOLF	88	Feherty "Stacy Lewis"		LPGA Golf Women's Australian Open Round 1 Site: Royal Melbourne Golf Club (L)								LPGA Golf	
	GSN	76	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Idiotest	Idiotest	Idiotest	Idiotest	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Idiotest	Idiotest	Baggage	Baggage
	HALL	87	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	62	Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		H.Hunt (N)	House	Property Brothers	
	HIST	50	American Pickers "Best of the '60s"		American Pickers "From A to T"		American Pickers "Jersey's Jackpot"		American Pickers (N)		Pawn Stars (N)	Forged in Fire "The War Hammer"		Pawn Stars
	LIFE	29	Little W "Juicy Gossip"		Little Women: Atlanta		Little Women: LA (N)		Women "Oh Baby!" (N)		LW Atlanta (N)		Little Women ATL	
	NICK	27	Thunder	Thunder	Paradise	H.Danger	H.Danger	Nicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
	ROOT	37	NCAA Basketball Fresno State vs. Wyoming (L)				The Mark Few Show	NASCAR Classic (N)	NCAA Basketball Providence vs. Xavier				NCAA Basketball Virginia Tech at Miami	
	SPIKE	42	★★ The Expendables ('10, Act) Eric Roberts, Steve Austin, Jet Li.		★★★ The Expendables 2 A man is approached by a member of the CIA and sent on a mission to locate an object.						★ Escape Plan An expert at escaping from prison is betrayed & locked in the most secure facility.			
	SYFY	67	★★ Cloud Atlas		Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		The Magicians		Face Off	
	TBS	59	Seinf. "The Betrayal"	Seinf. "The Apology"	Seinf. "The Strike"	Seinf. "The Dealership"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Jennifer Lawrence, Ron Funches	
	TCM	56	★★★ The Odd Couple		★ The Way We Were Two people are torn between staying true to each other & being true to themselves.				:15 ★★★★ A Star Is Born A fading matinee idol marries the young beginner he's shepherded to stardom.				:45 ★ Blackbo...	
	TLC	49	My 600-lb Life		600-lb "Nikki's Story"		My 600-lb Life		My 600-lb Life (N)		My 600-lb Life		My 600-lb Life	
	TNT	57	Castle "Rise"		Castle		Castle "Head Case"		Castle		Castle		Major Crimes	
	UNI	21	Incluido	Noticiero	Muchacha italiana		Antes muerta		Pasion y poder		El Hotel Secretos		Impacto	Noticie.
	USA	58	★★ 2 Fast 2 Furious			★★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift Lucas Black.					Suits (N)		Modern	Modern
	WE	118	LawOrder "Privileged"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Bad Faith"		Law&O. "Purple Heart"		Law:CI "Conscience"		Law & O: CI "Ill-Bred"	
	WGN		Person of Interest		..Interest "Lady Killer"		Outsider "Rubberneck"		Mother	Mother	Parks/Rec	Parks/Rec	Rules	Rules
	ENC	644	:10 ★★ Something to Talk About				★★★ High Plains Drifter				:50 The Equalizer ('14, Act) Denzel Washington.			
PREMIUM	HBO	518	Movie	:40 ★★ Disturbia ('07, Cri) Shia LaBeouf.				Vice	Vinyl				★ A Walk Among th...	
	HBO2	520	★ Kingsman: The Se...		:10 ★★★ Horrible Bosses 2 Jason Bateman.				Whitney Cummings		★★ Final Destination 3		:35 Vice	
	HBO3	521	J. Cole Forrest Hill		Vinyl (N)				★ What We Do in the Shadows		LastWeek	★ Insurgent		
	MAX	549	:05 ★★ A History of Violence			:45 ★★★ Enemy at the Gates ('01, War) Jude Law.					★★★★ John Wick			:45 Femme
	SHOW	578	★★★ The Aviator Leonardo DiCaprio.				★★★★ The Silence of the Lambs				★ A Murder in the Park ('15, Doc)		Movie	
	STARZ	621	Movie	:50 ★★★ The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.					Black Sails "XXII"		★★ Deja Vu ('06, Act) Denzel Washington.			

NIGHT OWL

	STATION		12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	2 AM	2:30	3 AM	3:30	4 AM	4:30	5 AM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	AngerM.	:35 Hot In	:05 CR TV Featuring a selection of products and services.								CR TV	
	KPTV	3	Loves Ray	TMZ	Dish	Queens	Raising	Commun.	Cougar T	Paid	Minute	News	Good Day Oregon at 5	
CBS	19 KEPR	2	S.Colbert	:35 James Corden (N)	:35 Paid		:05 CBS Overnight News					News	News	News
	KOIN	19	S.Colbert	:35 James Corden (N)	:35 Insider		:10 CBS Overnight News				News	News	KOIN 6 News at 5 a.m.	
NBC	25 KNDU	6	Tonight (N)	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly		:05 Today Show		Mad Money		News	Wake Up Northwest		
	KGW	8	Tonight (N)	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly		:05 News	Backroads	Mad Money		News	KGW News	KGW News at Sunrise	
ABC	42 KVEW	4	:05 Nightl.	:35 Paid	:05 ABC World News Now						ABC News	America This Morning	Northwest	
	KATU	5	J. Kimmel	:35 Nightl.	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 ABC World News Now				News	News	KATU News Morning	
PBS	31 KTNW		Newsline	Chef	Nature		Nova "Iceman Reborn"		Nova		Antiques Roadshow		Finding Your Roots	
	59 OPB	13	PBS NewsHour		Finding Your Roots		Independent Lens				Masters "B.B. King"		Business	BBC News