

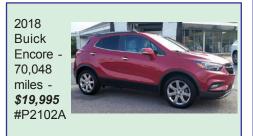
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Persson immediately launched his campaign to allow sports betting in private clubs throughout the state. Maverick poured millions into a political action committee and lobbied lawmakers in support of a bill in the Washington State Legislature that would allow sports betting in his clubs.

After that bill failed, he tried again with a narrower model, which he said would "level the playing field" between tribal gaming operations and those that are privately owned by non-tribal entities. That bill also failed.

Lawmakers approved gambling in Washington in part to fund essential government services. Just like the state lottery raises money for education, tribal gaming raises money that tribes use to provide their citizens with education, healthcare, natural resources and behavioral health, George said.

"(Persson) has a bottom line that he wants to grow," George said. "But for us, we want to get up to basic standards for our communities, and we still have a long way to go."

Thirty years after the first tribal casino opened in Washington state, poverty rates among reservation communities there are improving, because of the jobs they create and the government services they fund. But annual incomes among tribal members living on reservations in Washington state average just \$18,600, according to a recent report by the gaming association.

"Indian gaming has helped a lot," George said. "But we're still a good 50 percent behind the state average for poverty. So there's still a long way to go."

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