

Tom P. Potiowsky



Tom Potiowsky is State Economist for the State of Oregon. He is on indefinite leave from Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, where he was Professor and Chair of the Economics Department. He works in the Office of Economic Analysis, which is in the Department of Administrative Services. The office is responsible for developing and disseminating quarterly state economic and demographic forecasts and estimating General Fund revenue for the State of Oregon. The office also provides biannual forecasts of prison inmates. The forecasts are used to develop both the Governor's Budget and the Legislatively Approved Budget.

Dr. Potiowsky received a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado in 1981 and a B.B.A. degree in Economics from Ohio University in 1975. Upon graduation from the University of Colorado, he was an Assistant Professor at the university before moving to Portland State University in 1983. At Portland State University, Dr. Potiowsky was Chair of the Economics Department and Co-Director of the Applied Economics Research Group (AER Group). Tom was appointed as Acting State Economist on February 1, 1999 and State Economist on August 1, 1999, serving thru September of 2006. Dr. Potiowsky returned to Portland State to teach until January of 2008 when he returned to serve as the State Economist.

Tom Potiowsky has been active in publishing and presenting at academic conferences in the areas of macroeconomics and forecasting. In addition to academic pursuits, he has consulted with numerous companies and given presentations to local organizations. In 1992, he accompanied a team to Poland and Hungary to establish educational programs and foster ties between the local university and the business community.

Dr. Potiowsky is a member of the American Economics Association, the Western Economic Association, and the National Association for Business Economics. He also serves on the Board for the Oregon Council on Economic Education and the Oregon Progress Board. Tom was a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors for three years prior to his appointment with the State.

Tom resides in Beaverton, Oregon and wishes he could find the time to golf and white-water kayak.