

Solon seeks P15k cash aid for fully-vaxxed

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A HOUSE leader has pushed for the enactment of a bill that provides a one-time P15,000 cash assistance for fully-vaccinated Filipino families.

Assistant Majority Leader and Quezon City **Rep. Alfred Vargas** said his House Bill 10644 or the “Ayuda sa Bakuna” bill supports the government’s COVID-19 vaccination program.

The bill seeks to introduce the cash assistance program under the Department of Social Welfare and Development, on top of the agency’s ongoing social amelioration activities.

“This measure not only alleviates the sufferings of our fellow Filipinos in this two-year global pandemic, it also helps solve the problem by encouraging science-backed vaccination and accelerating our achievement of herd immunity,” the lawmaker said in a statement.

“It prioritizes the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable sectors of our communities. These include senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and persons with comorbidities. The program will, however, cover all eligible Filipino families, as long as living and qualified members have complied with the government’s prescribed vaccination program,” added Vargas, brother of congressional candidate **Patrick Michael Vargas**.