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2. With support from the Department of Public Service, the Public Utilities Commission could study thermal energy efficiency, thermal emissions, and performance standards as a means of advancing the transition away from imported fossil fuels for heat. The PUC's review could cover many of the design choices in a thermal performance standard, and how they compare to other alternatives to meeting the GWSA's reduction requirements. The process should provide ample opportunity for public participation. The PUC and DPS have in the past studied complex energy issues through multi-stakeholder collaboratives, an approach that might well be appropriate here as well. The results of such a review, together with the economic and environmental analyses noted above, provide a strong foundation for future legislation or for the PUC's own decisions.

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